

St. Gabriel the Archangel Pastoral Council

April 26, 2022, 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Mary Koslowski, Father Bob, Casey Auer, Sara VanFrachen, Steve Pable, Tom Klinkhammer

Guests: Tom Kropidlowski, Christopher Wautlet, Josh Preissner

Excused: Lisa/Mark Blenker, Beth Knapinski, Mike Van Dyke, Deacon Tom

1. **Opening Prayer:** Father Bob
2. **Introductions of visitors and what is pastoral council-**Pastoral Council has 2-3 openings so think of people that would be a good fit. Christopher Wautlet and Josh Preissner visiting to see what the council is all about to discern if they would like to join.
3. **Missionary Discipleship:** Father Bob
 - a. This is a diocesan initiative per Bishop Ricken
 - b. Started with intensive retreat attended by staff
 - c. Next step is 3 day Entrust retreats for lay people and additional parish staff to attend d. Practically, how do we implement this on the day-to-day parish level? Witness talks was suggested
 - d. Personal discussion of what it means to be a missionary disciple-many of us are disciples, but how do we become missionary disciples, the importance of relationships through small groups was highlighted
4. **Progress on the new St. Gabriel Position-Coordinator of Liturgy and Evangelization**
Father Bob, Steve
 - a. Some Zoom/in person interviews have been held, Deacon Tom will continue with this once he returns from vacation
 - b. SMCS is hiring a similar position for Adult Faith Formation across the 5 Neenah Menasha Parishes-one potential applicant
5. **Christian Service and Living Justice Committee-**Tom Klinkhammer
 - a. Are the committee's activities creating a conducive environment of maintenance to mission?
 - b. The committee needs a new chair - Peter Ince has served a 3-year term and wishes to step down
 - c. Father Bob recommends having committee members attend next PC meeting on to discuss what the mission/vision of this committee is to determine what we want to ask of a new chair. For example, does this committee need to have greater coordination with the other Neenah Menasha parishes? How can this committee be an expression of discipleship as well as an on-ramp to discipleship?
6. **SMCS updates-**Father Bob and Steve Pable
 - a. Schools are doing well from financial and enrollment standpoints. Many missionary activities are occurring
 - b. Personnel changes at the elementary level to unify the grade school experience for all families as they go through the system and enter into 6th grade-new principal for the three elementary schools has been hired. System is interviewing for three associate principals. This structural change has been part of planning for a year or two. The school board

approved this structural change, and the superintendent is responsible for implementing it.

7. Open Discussion

- a. Feedback on Lenten activities, Holy Thursday and Triduum services
- b. Considering changing 5 pm Mass to be a quiet Mass over the summer, will change to 6:30 pm for summer
- c. Parish is very busy with baptisms, funerals, and new families

8. Stewardship Committee

- a. Committee will meet this week. Topic will be volunteers. How do we honor the volunteers we have and add new in the spirit of missionary discipleship?
- b. Rummage Sale will be June 16, 17, 18 with outreach to local neighborhood

9. Tuesday May 10 Joint meeting with Finance Council

10. Next Parish Council Meeting

- a. Tuesday May 24-Pastoral council with Christian Service and Living Justice committee as major agenda item.