Parish Council Regular Meeting Minutes 02/23/2026

Meeting called to order by Nick Detore @ 7:03pm

Opening Prayer led by Jenn Patriarca

Absent members: Bill Abers, Deidra Minderd, Dave Rosenberg, Mara Sabo

Guest: None

Review and approve Meeting Minutes from 01/26/2026 PC Meeting – no corrections needed

Administrator's Report:

1) School PTU Gala Event is coming up on 03/14/2026, items available for auction online
2) Robert Koonce, Cleveland Diocese is still in the works for scheduling to come speak with Parish Council
3) "Call To Flourish" campaign will in 2027
4) Lent has started with positive responses regarding Lenten decorations in the church and Gathering Area
5) There are 16 OCIA Elect and Candidates
6) Safety Committee – Crisis Management & Risk & Communication Group
   Kevin Donahue will be the Leader, more update to come

Liaison Reports

Faith Formation: Jenn Patriarca
Good Sheperd will be taking a field trip to the Maltz Museum
Friends of Jesus program has 3 Confirmation and 1 First Communion student
Living Stations practice starting and going well
Tailgates and Touchdowns was another huge success
March 4 at Edge will have Teen Mental Health speaker Luke Brown from Sacred Heart Counseling
April 26 is Confirmation Masses at 2:00 and 5:00

Worship and Prayer: Dave Rosenberg
No report

Community Life: Joe Audino
Fish Fries have started, first one had 452 all you can eat and 87 to go. Only 70 less than last year.
New pre-sale process going well. Had a few glitches but over all good.
Festival: Ramped-Up and Core Committee meetings have begun. Reservations with companies have been done.

Outreach and Care: Deidra Minerd
March 13 Bishop Malesic will be here for Fish Fry and to lead Stations of the Cross

Servant Leadership & Administration Commission: Fr. Joshua

Nothing further

Old Business: Nick Detore

Update on transition from Chase bank to Erie Bank

Handicapped signs: Maintenance is looking into this. May need to wait until weather breaks.

PC By-Laws update: Nick will review Nicole and Carl's work and will forward to Fr. Joshua. Once Fr. Joshua reviews, will be brought to Parish Council for approval, hopefully at the February 2026 meeting.

Buzzer System Update – equipment will be arriving 02/28/2026

Kneelers in the Chapel – Joe Wheeler obtained a quote but it was for vinyl instead of cloth. Discussion made to reach back out and get a quote for cloth and to add the chairs in need of repair.

New Business:

School enrollment has begun for the 2026-2027 school year. There are 78 slots available for Kindergarten and there were 110 applications. 55 were either siblings of current students or Jr-K students. Then opened to current Loft Students. Next offered to any St Gabriel parishioners. Nine families who are not involved in The Loft or sibling of current student were not able to be accommodated.

New Breaking Bread books and covers – only need to be tucked into the back plastic portion of the cover.

Water fountain in restroom hallway will not be replaced. There was a leak and now the model is not available. Would need to rip out wall, replace wiring and plumbing to install a new one. Cups are available in the restrooms.

Announcements:

None

Closing Prayer: Parish Pastoral Council Prayer: by Nick Detore

Adjourned: 8:25PM

Greeter Weekend Feedback:

- Positive comments were received regarding Lenten door in Gathering Area
- Sound system issues – we are still working on it
- Holy Thursday – request to only wash 12 people's feet vs whole congregation. Fr Joshua will discuss with Worship Committee
- Sunshine coming in through the windows – may want to consider moving to a different area of the church.
- Is there time for School Reconciliation? – different grades come over at different times of the year. Fr. Joshua will speak to the Principal to see if the Jr High students can use their WIN (Whatever I Need) time for confession or time to speak with a priest.
- Concern about the letters regarding Immigration ~

  Separation of Church and State – the Church is allowed to back an issue that goes against our core principals. The Church can not endorse a specific candidate. Separation of Church and State is to protect the Church from the State.

  16 Parishes in the Lake/Geauga Deanery participated in the letter campaign

  A video was made explaining what the letter campaign was about and was shared on the St. Gabriel Facebook groups (commenting was turned off)

  Letter was not written by Fr Joshua but by the Lake County Director of Catholic Charities and was approved by Bishop Malesic.

  Clergy were not told to or not to preach about the letter. Here at St. Gabriel, some did and some did not.

  No one was being forced to sign the letter.

  If you would like to have a further conversation about this issue, or any issue, Fr. Joshua is more than welcome to meet with you.