

St. Damien of Molokai Parish Council
March 13, 2023, 6:00pm St. Gabriel Church Hall
Council Minutes

- I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer
 - a. Meeting called to Order at 6:00pm by Peter Arsenault, President
 - b. Deacon Carl led Parish Council in opening prayer.
- II. Scripture Reading – Ann Hickey
- III. Attendance & Ministry Affiliation – Jackie Reardon, Secretary (see attached list)
- IV. New Business
 - 1. Review and acceptance of council minutes – a motion to approve the January 9, 2023, council minutes was made by Jim Welsh.
 - 2. The motion was seconded by Steve VanGasbeck and passed without objection.

Parish Council By-Law (Draft review)

Pete Arsenault presented draft changes to the Parish by-laws. A brief discussion was held, and, all Council Members were asked to review more thoroughly, and share their feedback with Pete by April 7th.

V. Standing Committees

Liturgy Committee: Deacon Carl

- 1. Lent: All Lenten observances are progressing.
- 2. Soup for Souls: Attendance for Soup for Souls has been good.
- 3. Do You Believe: Hoping that attendance for this series will improve.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Peter Arsenault

- 1. Tree roots were removed from sewer pipeline at St. Gabriel Church, as its roots were invading sewer pipe from church to main street.
- 2. The ceiling lights at St. Joseph Church are still a problem and will be fixed.

Evangelization Committee: Janet Pieper

- 1. There was one new Parishioner who joined St. Damien's at the end of January.
- 2. It was discovered that there was a glitch in the email/registration system for new registrants, and 8 families who registered to join our Parish were overlooked. The problem with the email registration has been corrected.
- 3. Parish folders are being given out to Parishioners who are returning to the Parish after their extended absence.
- 4. Our website needs to be updated and is being worked on.

Social Action Committee: Jim Welsh/Annemarie Nasuta/Donna Chapman

- 1. The next Parish dinner is being held on April 22, 2023, at St. Gabriel Church Hall, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The proceeds will benefit The Little Sisters of the Poor
- 2. A presentation on scams is being held at St. Gabriel Church Hall on Sunday, March 19th.

St. Gabriel School: Karla Neville – Principal

1. The marketing effort is continuing. A 6-foot banner will be placed over the entrance at the School.
2. Sixteen new students are registered at the school for next year.
3. On March 25th a fundraiser for the School is being held at the Back Street Brewery.
4. A Doll Tea has been planned for students at the School.
5. The boys' basketball team is currently in the semi-finals. Not only are there exceptional players on the team, but the sportsmanship of the team members is exemplary.
6. The 8th grade students are being accepted into numerous private schools. Among the list of schools our graduates will be attending are the Loomis School, Choate, Ms. Porters, Northwest Catholic, and East Catholic.
7. There is an effort underway to bring back the School summer camp.

Faith Formation: Cyndie Glick-Coordinator

1. The Souper Bowl Fundraiser collected \$878.00 in cash, and three carloads of food.
2. The Sacrament of Confirmation is being held on March 18th, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Joseph's Cathedral.
3. On March 24th, at 6:30pm, the C1 Students will lead the Stations of the Cross for youth and families, at St. Gabriel Church.
4. On March 26, at 12:00pm, the First Communion retreat is being held at St. Gabriel Church.
5. Registration for the 2023/2024 Faith Formation Program will take place in April.
6. On April 2 and 23, the final classes for the 2022/2023 Faith Formation year will conclude.
7. On May 6th, First Holy Communion will be held.
8. On May 7th, the May Crowning will take place at both St. Gabriel and St. Joseph Churches.

Knights of Columbus: Stephen VanGasbeck

1. Gift baskets for the Homebound will be given out on April 1st.
2. The clean-up for the cemetery has taken place.
3. The Knights are one member short of their membership drive goal.
4. On Mother's Day the Knights will be handing out roses at the Masses.

Parish Council Elections (October 2023)

Jim Welsh asked for Parish Council Members to sign on as the Election Committee. Agreeing to serve on the committee are Donna Chapman, Jim Welsh, Steve VanGasbeck, and Peter Arsenault.

Pastor's Report: Father Daly.

1. Father reviewed the budget shared with Parishioners at the Masses.
2. The buyer of St. Gertrude's Church has been approved by the lender. A soil test does need to be completed.
3. Holy Week Masses/Liturgies/Events are being planned.
4. The Parish Retreat will be March 28th at St. Joseph Church. Future Retreats/costs were discussed.
5. The Parish has obtained a new Nativity set.
6. A member of the Parish approached Father Daly about holding a Disney Party/Event at St. Gabriel Church Hall. The Council discussed the plans and decided not to move forward with the event.
7. The Luau and Procession, held in June, were discussed. It was decided that the Procession will take place in the vicinity of St. Gabriel Church, and then a reception will follow at St. Gabriel Church Hall.
8. The Parish Picnic will be held again in September.

- VI Next Meeting: St. Gabriel Church Hall on May 8th, @ 6:00pm.
- VII Scripture Reading: Karla Neville
- VIII Closing Prayer

Adjournment: made by Pete Arsenault.

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