

Minutes of The Gabriel Project Meeting of 4/11/19

Attendees: Aleyda, Carly, Debra, Peggy, Roseann, Therese, Yolanda.

Welcome and Opening Prayer (Aleyda and Yolanda)

Finances and Budget:

- The finances for The Gabriel Project and Respect Life Ministries are combined per the rectory. At some point, they may be separated so each of the groups can track them better. There is a cash balance of \$192.86 after payment of the Life Scan costs for the Project.
- Yolanda and Aleyda will request a budget of \$455 for The Gabriel Project costs for the new fiscal year which begins 7/1. The funds are expected to be utilized for fingerprinting costs, Gabriel Project baskets and \$200 in contingency funds.
- The Gabriel Project will also raise funds throughout the year as needed. Rummage sales have been put forth as potentially good fundraisers this year, as they have previously proven successful fundraisers in the past.

Gifts for a parish couple adopting several children

- Yolanda has purchased a lovely jar imprinted with the word “blessings” on it, in which she is placing donations of gift cards and cash collected from parish ministries and other parish groups. The jar and donations will be given to the adopting couple at our upcoming Gabriel Project and Respect Life quarterly joint meeting in May.
- The principal of Notre Dame Elementary School was also informed of the couple adopting several children. She immediately requested donations of gift cards, cash and packages of disposable diapers from the students’ parents and that drive has been very successful. The donations from Notre Dame parents will also be presented to the adopting couple at the joint meeting in May.
- The adopting mother’s mother (grandmother to the children) will be in attendance at the May 9th joint Gabriel Project and Respect Life meeting, at which she and her son in-law will accept the gifts collected for the couple.

Agenda for the May 9th Gabriel Project/Respect Life Meeting

- We are very fortunate to have speakers scheduled to give presentations at the upcoming meeting. They will be our very own Terri Brawner, Parish Coordinator for Alpha Pregnancy Center and Jennifer Cargo, Development Manager of Opportunity House.

Safe Haven Training

- This training needs to be completed by all Gabriel Project members. Please go to <https://sacramento.cmgconnect.org> to do this. A certificate of completion will be provided at the end of the training and the results are confidential.

Client Privacy Issues and Other Items

- It is important to remember that when calling an enrolled Gabriel Project mom (or client) back, the assigned angel must give only her or his name and phone number when calling her, with no mention of the Church or The Gabriel Project ministry.
- When The Gabriel Project requests prayers in the Parish Bulletin for an enrolled mom, there will be no name or personal information shown there.
- Queen of All Saints in Concord has had a Gabriel Project for about 15 years and they meet every two months. They also publish a newsletter of the successes of the group. We may consider adopting some of their practices for our group.

