

St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting

January 25, 2023

Attendees: Anne Greif, Julie Klein, Terry Olson, Fr. Bob, Karen Rappl, Lynn H via phone

Excused: Mike VanDyke, Peter Schmitz, Troy Sommerfeld, Joe Varkoly

Guest: Annmarie Ott

- Opening Prayer-Father Bob
- Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist-Session II
- Approval of November minutes-
 1. Karen moved to approve Julie seconded.
- Karen asked about Steve Pable attending next joint Finance/Parish Council. We will invite him.
- Karen also questioned the financial health of SMCS system. There will be a campaign sometime in the future to generate another stream of income.
- Karen also asked about the EBay fundraiser that a parishioner volunteered to head up. The volunteer decided to look at other options for volunteering.
- Financials-
 1. YTD we are \$33785 ahead of expenses. This is due to high envelope giving over holidays. However, we are now fully staffed so personnel expenses will increase the 2nd half of the year.
 2. Push to increase automatic giving has helped. We will try to encourage more parishioners to give that way. Father suggested if they do not want to give their full monthly amount, to at least give part automatically and then use collection basket for the rest. That way the church is guaranteed at least a portion. Also talked about having someone sit in the back of church when father talked about it to help them with it
- Estate Donation- \$50K was put in Roof fund
- Bishop's Appeal 2023-
 1. Goal this year is \$77103.
 2. Last year goal was \$75501. We raised \$10700 over goal and met goal by Easter
 3. This year we will promote the same as last year with witness talks and updates from Father Bob. We will not send out a letter from the parish but will count on the letter from the Bishop to generate funds.
- Vision project
 1. Work on Sanctuary floor starts on January 30th and ends on February 14th.
 2. We will be out of the church and in the gym for 2 weekends
 3. Future projects will occur in period after Easter and before Advent (new reconciliation screen, Holy Spirit image, Hail Mary image, and begin Sanctuary walls).

- N-M joint pastor meeting- looking at cemeteries in area and hiring a sexton to take care of all of them.
- Building and Grounds
 1. Julie asked if B&G committee ever met or if this could be considered a small group. Wondered if there was a need for volunteers to meet occasionally, not necessarily every month.
- Upcoming meeting dates
 - Feb 14 @ 6:30
 - Feb 28 @ 6:30 (Joint PC-FC mtg) Chris Wautlet will send out agenda
 - March 14 @ 6:30
- Closing prayer-Fr. Bob

Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM