

10/24/23

Parish Council and Finance Meeting

Present: Christopher Wautlet, Mike VanDyke, Joe Lautenschlager, Fr. Bob Kollath, Karen Rappl, Julie Klein, Terry Olson, Deacon Tom Gritton, Anne Grief, Lisa Blenker

Excused: Joe Varkoley

- Position is being put together for a cemetery grounds/sexton personnel.
 - A liaison is needed between finance council and cemetery board which will typically be quarterly meetings.
 - A columbarium is being sought for holding urns with cremation remains. Costs are being looked into.
 - We will continue to contract the work out with the person who is currently doing this. The cemetery grounds/sexton person will work and coordinate with this person.
- Neighbor by back lot with water issues. There are some complaints and we have several options we are looking into:
 - Town was contacted and St Gabes is encouraged to initiate a conversation with this neighbor before town gets involved.
 - Deacon Tom can send a friendly letter with law firm letterhead or one can come from parish. \$50 requested to obtain deed and write letter from law firm. This was group consensus for route to go.
- Staff positions:
 - Job descriptions have all been updated and narrowed down quite a bit
 - Current group is very passionate and talented
 - Accomplishments and goals sheet was passed out to all in attendance at meeting. This will be an annual occurrence.
 - A lot going on and exciting things ahead partially due to having a close connection with school. This great connection with our school is getting new members in. A target group is families with children and this school connection has been nice for this.
- Steve Pable is heading up a needs assessment with target groups.
 - Called and Gifted is coming up and a gifts and talents assessment will be a part of this. Questions were asked if this could be extended to those not able to be in attendance at the Called and Gifted workshop. Steve will be asked about this. Thought is that we may find more success with volunteers if we hone into and help develop gifts, talents, and passions. We may have more buy in with this approach.
- Try to ask other people to join meetings.
- Healing service is coming up in November. We were picked by the Diocese to hold this.
- Possible January offering to discuss estate, funeral, and bequests planning.