

**St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting**  
**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Attendees:** Anne Greif (Virtual), Karen Rappl, Terry Olson, Fr. Bob Lynn Hopfensperger, Joe Varkoly, Dave Risgaard, Julie Klein, Joe Lautenschlager, Mike Van Dyke

Opening Prayer- Lectio Divina Fifth Week in Ordinary Time – Participation in responses- Prayer (Oratio)

**Minutes**

- No adjustments for November minutes
- Brief discussion about when Derrick is off sick - staff are pitching in
- Dave R motion to approve. Joe V seconded – APPROVED

**Financials (Anne)**

- Roughly \$8,608 ahead of budgeted parish support for envelopes/loose offertory
- Personnel expense roughly \$3,756 under budget
- Shared expenses \$14,800 under budget (likely from mild temp)
- SCRIP \$2,800 below budget but carrying higher inventory of roughly the same amount

**Old Business**

- Looking for sexton and new member to cemetery board to help sexton
- Sexton position has had applicants and interviews
- Meeting coming up Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> for cemetery board
- Deacon Tom was communicating with the berm neighbor and there has been dialogue

**New Business**

- QR codes for giving in the bulletin, will not have stickers in pews due to concern for potential for fraud, will request an announcement before Mass and in Friday email to explain use
- Julie – be cautious with posted QR codes as they can be manipulated
- Joe - some use of ~~out~~ of visitor envelopes but QR codes for younger generations

**B&G Update (Mike)**

- 6 focus areas and working with the school
- Met with Dan McKenna, there are many other priorities but not opposed to spending if a plan is in place

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- Security Luebke provides certain membrane with 20 year warranty, but many have been fine for 30-35 years. Normal rubber roof = 20 years. Initial cost is somewhat cheaper than rubber as well
- Misc changing of lights and other small updates
- Seems to be less melting snow/drainage issues in west parking lot with the new berm and snow piles being pushed further south.
- Organ pipes are gone, potentially building a loft in that area for additional storage
  - Anne concerned due to insurance – safety first, a staircase will be built for access
  - Potential Christmas decoration storage

### **Vision Update**

- Holy family and St. Gabriel statues should arrive by March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Stations look great, thoughts on lighting? Lighting consultant looking at it
- Pete suggested battery operated lights with remote controls?
- Positive comments on before and after updates
- Pete suggested updating sacristy? What is the priority? Pews?
- Ordering a few more chairs for the chapel
- Pews are in somewhat rough shape, solid oak pews, aim to refinish? Laser sanding?
- Sanctuary side walls (cheese-grater) ideas being bounced around
- A dozen or so old extra pews from when church was rearranged – keep a few until after refinishing

### **Trustee Report**

- Lynn - Dan when asked about us being a school, we are the only parish with a zero entry to Stingle hall (no stairs)- Dan's dream to have coffee tables, a bit more modern to help people gather. Some upgrading along the window wall
- Trustee meeting- April 20th Rejoice and remembrance service (ecumenical) Several different speakers (Lynn)
- Julie- quarterly trustee meeting moving forward
- Tony's Tap in Menasha (Steve Siegel from St. Marys) – they do fundraisers on Monday nights
- St. Margaret Mary had a safety check with Police Officer- we did that recently

### **Other Items**

- Rise Against Hunger event May 4<sup>th</sup> @ St. Gabriel aiming for 50,000 meals
- Anne brought up purchasing iPad for Office use
- Joe to Bring Stripe & Wix (Hardware) & Look into (Clover / Heartland / Wix) – look more into security
- No Lenten Raffle

**Next Finance Meeting** - Tuesday March 12th, 6:30 PM

### **Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm

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