

St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting
November 14th, 2023

Attendees: Anne Greif, Mike Van Dyke, Fr. Bob, Karen Rappl, Terry Olson

Excused: Lynn Hopfensperger, Joe Lautenschlager, Joe Varkoley

Guests: Julie Klein, Lisa Jensen, Dave Risgaard

Opening Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours - Father

Minutes

- No issues with the minutes.
- Mike V moved to approve the minutes; Terry O seconded. Approved

Financials (Anne)

- Summary Letter
 - Great news – we are ahead of budget!
 - Not all of the other parishes are in the same position
 - Personnel **expenses** down due to an employee being sick
 - Lighthouse CD money will be applied to FORMED
- Father didn't make a **pulpit announcement about financial status** as discussed last month; **decided not to say anything at this time**. Plan to wait until after Christmas to assess (due to the timing of Christmas)
- Income Statement
 - No comments
- Balance Sheet
 - Anne reviewed the investments and what the donor intent is

Annual Meeting

- Questions focused on Buildings and Grounds and school repairs

Combined Parish Council/Finance Meeting

- Deacon Tom reviewed the goals/objectives of the staff members
- Asked for a person from the Finance Council to sit on the cemetery board
 - Deacon Tom has been helping out with the current board
 - Looking to hire a sexton
 - Also looking to build a columbarium (St Joe's has a really nice one)
- Follow up on the berm letter. Deacon Tom has written the letter

B&G Update (Mike)

- Parking Lot Discussion
 - Had a slip last year due to the drainage from the grass area due to melting
 - Diocese has a few recommendations
 - Need to add a **swale** with storm drain
- Johnson Control Maintenance Contract
 - Anne had sent out an email on agreeing to a service agreement – an additional \$500 annually

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- Plan to wait until we have an issue
- Suggestion to have Tom review the agreement
- Mike reviewed some highlights
 - Father would like a B&G priorities meeting - targeting Dec 6th
 - Continue to paint door frames throughout the school
 - Switchgear – planning on putting on order (\$101K; could expedite for \$32K)
 - Roof – plan to discuss during B&G priorities meeting
 - Working on Vision items – organ base delivered today

Vision Update

- Privacy film/window lettering complete
- Crucifix to be delivered on 11/20; wood columns being installed 11/20 as well
- Discussion on the financials of the one by one campaign

Calendar Raffle

- Raffle sales went well this past weekend. Having Lynn speak was a good thing. Being able to use charge cards also assisted.
- Scrip sales were really good as well this past weekend.

N-M Trustees (Lynn & Julie)

- Julie sent out the notes ahead of time
- Discussed the cost sharing/savings ideas
- Discussion of the “all parish” calendar
 - There is a link on the St. Gabe’s website
 - Steve is working on making it better
- Discussion on using a QR code for weekly giving
 - Suggestion to have it outside of the church area – don’t want people on their phones during mass
 - Suggestion to add a QR code in the bulletin
 - Anne to follow up with Meredith

Other Topics

- Question on what happens when Derrick is off sick
 - Kitchen volunteers are picking up some of the duties
 - Lori does pick up a lot. Lori’s mom came in to help
 - Do we need a backup for Derrick?
 - Do need 2 people in the kitchen.. not sure what happens when one is gone
- Terry shared a **giving** envelope for visitors **that could be put in pews.**
 - Anne to follow up

Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist (Pastoral Letter)

- Plan to resume reading the letter next meeting-**Lectio Devina**

Next Meeting Dates (Karen)

January 9th – 6:30 pm

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