

**St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting**  
**March 18th, 2025 – 6:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Fr. Bob, Dave Risgaard, Joe Varkoly, Julie Klein, Joe Lautenschlager, Mike Brown, Karen Rapp (Excused), Lynn Hopfensperger, Anne Greif, Mike Van Dyke

**Opening prayer** - Fr. Bob

- Brief Honduras update

**Approval of February minutes**

- Motion by Dave to approve, seconded by Lynn – APPROVED

**Financial Update**

- ~\$42,000 above budget on giving
- Incredibly generous parishioners
- Sound system has been paid out of capital improvement fund
- Bishop's Appeal, we get half of any overage- currently doing okay, but need to monitor further, with goal to complete by Easter
- Cathedral review of funding the administrative mission of the Diocese (\$38,000 annually)

**Old Business**

- Wish list update being worked on for the bulletin- 10 new tables were donated
- We can now add new items to the wish list if we have anything we are aware of
- SWOT Analysis: Joe V went to the Parish Council meeting to discuss SWOT. We would need to call a special meeting/strategic planning meeting to think more about this amongst the parish council, parish staff, and finance council (3 of each). More information to come on this, likely Fall of 2025. Likely a Saturday morning or two.
- Membership and term review- Lynn has one term left (2<sup>nd</sup> term expiring 6/2025)

**New Business**

- Lawn Service Options- same company for roughly 30 years, person is retiring. A few options looked over
- Janitorial staff issues- too much absence currently- 12 hours of paid employee time. Potentially a new option? Adjustment of existing hours? Add somebody part-time? More to come.
- Estate money for the Fish Fry- former parishioner used to run the fish fry, how can we acknowledge her and thank her for her contributions.
- Sold off some unused kitchen equipment for future equipment needs.
- R&R event should be well-attended and there have been plenty of very generous donors.

**B&G Update**

- AV Rack is moved, being painted currently
- Roof- we need a decision for the East end of the building, above the sacristy \$7,325 was the quote.
- Looking to replace pneumatic controls in chapel, meeting room, front-office.
- Switchgear update- week of July 14<sup>th</sup> we will be down. Employees will be off for vacation or work from home.
- WE Energies switchover from Constellation is in the works
- AT&T Fiber Optic box on property. We are getting a \$1,000 easement payment from AT&T.

- Concrete- Door 1 near early elementary school area is pretty broken up (22x40 area is \$4,800) and then south end of the building as well would be \$4,200. Door 7 (NE East Door) roughly \$6,500 in cost to raise that up as well. Door 1 and south end have been selected to be improved, holding off on NE Door.

## Grant Update

- Two grants pending currently, one will be finished within a month or so regarding the digital mapping (final reports, paperwork, etc.)
- Second grant through FEMA, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> through the Diocese

## Vision Update

### UPCOMING PROJECT ITEMS

*By Easter 2025:*

**Sanctuary Angels** – The statues have been casted and will now be sanded prior to painting. Delivery is still by Easter.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE (As of February 28<sup>th</sup>)

- Summary of project work expenses:

#### **Vision Project Financial Update**

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| obO Donations    | \$457,716 |
| Vision Donations | \$62,669  |
| Vision Interest  | \$1,440   |

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| <b>Total Donations</b> | <b>\$521,825</b> |
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| Paid Expenses        | \$496,472 |
| Un-invoiced Expenses | \$13,190  |

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| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$509,662</b> |
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| <i>Late Pledges</i>      | <i>-\$72,165</i> |
| <i>Cancelled Pledges</i> | <i>-\$46,710</i> |

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| <i>Default Pledges</i> | <i>-\$118,475*</i> |
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| <i>Pledge Total (1/1/22)</i>  | <i>\$1.259M</i> |
| <i>Pledge Total (3/11/25)</i> | <i>\$1.213M</i> |

*\* Default pledge remains at 9.4% - project planned for a 10% default.*

## Trustee Report

- Nothing to Report

## Other

- Remember & Rejoice Event update from Lynn is upcoming
- 190 candidates entered Diocese-wide
- May need to start a vocations committee in the future

## Next Meeting

- May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, no April meeting