

St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM

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

Opening prayer - Fr. Brian

Approval of August 19th Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Dave to approve, seconded by Mike B. – APPROVED

Financial Update

- Anne stated envelope income is improving, but she did use some of the budget surplus from last year to pay some bills
- Budgeted income is somewhat lower to account for drop-off in income typical in the summer months

School Addition Updates:

- On track for opening date in new area as planned
- Storm sewer work is progressing
- Review of detailed cash flow relating to the project
- Somewhat tight cash flow in October, but should be manageable based on the inflow of donations

Fundraising and Communication

- Announcement / Informational video to be played after Mass Sept 13/14, with Finance members available to answer questions after Masses
- Thoughts on letters to various individuals and businesses – will hold off for now
- Thank you letters have been mailed to donors with a photo of students holding a “thank you” sign
- Discussion related to our communications as it pertains to the addition (website, social media, bulletin, etc.)
- Thoughts on communication on the front of the bulletin, mention in the end of year letter, etc.

New Business

- Parish report and letter to go out for last fiscal year financials
- Annual Parish meeting between the morning Masses on October 19th
- Annual joint Finance and Parish Council meeting date TBD

Buildings and Grounds

- Playground repairs were made recently
- Discussion on weeding in the landscaping and disposal of yard waste
- Discussion on general yard maintenance relating to the grounds in the summer months, slightly off this year given the construction project.

Other Business

- Questions relating to parking lot given school expansion (specifically relating to school pick up) – should resolve after construction is completed
- Discussion related to dirt from construction project – may be used for grading and re-landscaping

Next Meeting

- October 14th – 6:30 PM

Closing Prayer – Karen

Meeting adjourned – 7:30 PM

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