

**St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting**  
**February 10, 2026**

**Attendees:** Mike Brown, Anne Greif, Mike Van Dyke, Fr. Brian, Karen Rappl, Lynn Hopfensperger, Julie Klein, Dave Risgaard, Joe Varkoley

**Excused:** Joe Lautenschlager

**Guests:**

Opening Prayer - Father

**Approval of Minutes**

- Lynn moved to approve the January minutes; Joe V seconded. Motion carried

**Parish Finances:**

- Overall looking good a little behind on our church support
- School addition – still owe \$500, then we will be done
- Personnel expenses are lower due to open positions
  - Michael G is starting on 2/16

**Old business**

- Financials in bulletin
  - Anne sent out a note looking for feedback
  - Discussion re: financials in bulletin; will be listed as:
    - Weekly online giving (# of givers) *\*These are the Vanco transactions*
    - Electronic giving – month will be listed. Ex: January Electronic giving (# of givers) *\*These are the ACH transactions*
- Giving envelopes in pews
  - General feeling is that they aren't serving the intended purpose. Plan to stop using them.
  - Karen passed around a QR code from another parish
- Endowment/RMD/estate giving pamphlet
  - Joe reviewed the draft of the handout. The committee discussed a few items and typos.

**New Business**

- Phone switch to VOIP. Pat looking to start running cables this week Friday.

**Cemetery Board report – see January minutes/Karen**

- Karen reviewed some background information.
  - Initially \$1,500 subsidy per year per church, it has since increased to \$2,500.
  - Parishes have a responsibility to ensure our cemeteries are funded
  - Recommendation to increase subsidy to \$5,000
    - Motion/second – approved unanimously

**B&G report – see Mike's report**

- Fire panel ground short has been resolved
- Getting pricing on door to RE office

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- Fire “event” on January 31<sup>st</sup> – caused by security alarm
  - JCI will be on site 2/12 to troubleshoot

#### Deferred Capital List

- Reviewed the deferred capital list.
  - Father would like to focus on ministry items:
    - Replace door 7 sidewalk
    - Add sidewalk from handicapped parking lot to door 7
    - Improve exterior lighting

#### Vision report

- Karen reviewed Pete’s report
- Discussion on what remaining items are on the committee’s list

#### Other business

- Remember and Rejoice event on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Looking at a “cancer” mass at one of the 4:30 masses in June

#### Next Meeting Dates

March 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM

#### Closing Prayer (Father Brian)

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

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