

St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting
May 12, 2026

Attendees: Mike Brown, Anne Greif, Mike Van Dyke, Fr. Brian, Karen Rappl, Julie Klein, Dave Risgaard, Joe Varkoly

Excused: Lynn Hopfensperger, Joe Lautenschlager

Guests: Al Solowicz

Opening Prayer - Father

Approval of Minutes

- Mike V moved to approve the April minutes; Joe V seconded. Motion carried

Parish Finances:

- Some concern that we are behind on our church support compared to both budget and to last year (\$20K under budget)
- Discussion about having a FC member provide an update in the fall if we are behind budget and that FY 26-27 will be more challenging with a full staff.
- Bishops Appeal – about \$800 short of goal with donation still to be mailed to diocese
 - Plan to put a Thank You in the bulletin
 - Father to mention something at Masses this weekend
 - May wait a couple of weeks
- Discussion on the balance sheet
 - Moved \$70K from operations to pay for school addition bills. Plan to label it undesignated and leave the money in the money market.

Budget for 2026/2027

- First draft forecasted a negative \$7,000
 - Budget balanced after increasing church support
- First draft increased envelope giving by 1%
- Most accounts stayed the same year after year
- First draft of budget used a 1% increase in salaries
 - Discussion to increase it to 3%
 - Increased budgeted envelope giving by \$10,000 to balance the budget
- Discussion on health insurance
 - Diocese guideline is that it has to be equitable
 - Historically we have covered 78%
 - Discussed a sliding scale of 74/76/78% coverage depending on deductible
 - Agreed with 1 abstention
- School subsidy
 - Anne met with the other parishes – decided on a 3-year average in church support to determine the school subsidy

Anne to send out the updated budget once she has a chance to review

Old business

- Secretary-trustee nomination information will be in the bulletin this weekend.
- Endowment/RMD/estate giving pamphlet
 - Discussion on how to “market” the endowment

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- Suggestion to have Deacon Tom do a wills/trust seminar again
- Ask Father to include it in Flocknote
- Have brochures in the back of church
- Now that we have made BA, plan to start these efforts

New Business

- Father's Professional development – stewardship chart
 - New term – Mission Support (versus stewardship)
 - Currently don't have a committee that oversees this
 - Father would like to have a committee/group called Mission Support
- Parish Council would like to have a parish picnic/fund raiser (think Fall Festival)

B&G report – see Mike's report

- Working with Bloy Concrete on Door #7/handicapped sidewalk
- Discussed installing Tina's door – plan to move forward
- New phones have been installed
- Issues with the chapel/café HVAC system

Vision report

- Fr. Brian will meet with Pete and the Vision Committee next week

Other business

- There is discussion among the Neenah-Menasha parishes about sharing the hiring of a youth minister

Next Meeting Dates

June 9th – 6:30 PM

July – no meeting

August 11th – TBD if needed

Closing Prayer

Fr. Brian lead a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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