

St. Gabriel Finance Council Meeting
June 9, 2026 – 6:30 PM

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

Opening prayer - Fr. Brian

Approval of May minutes

- Clarification relating to School Subsidy
- Motion to approve by Mike Van Dyke, seconded by Dave R - APPROVED

Financial Update

- Review of Checking Account balances and recent expense review
- YTD Envelope giving is slightly behind 2025 and budget
- Faith Formation Tuition and Tuition Assistance should be very close to budget
- Personnel expenses under budget for YTD
- Increased telephone expenses compared to budget due to new equipment
- Clarification re: school addition pledges as they come in and how they will be allocated

Budget 2026/2027

- Slight adjustments to Staffing and School Subsidy line items
- 1% increase for top-line support over 2025 budget, despite lower church support for YTD 2026 (ending last day of June)- discussion surrounding why the support was lower but still showing profitability in 2026. (Redirected giving to School Addition, Staff Shortages, ETC.)
- Current year projecting a small shortfall for Fiscal Year. Shortfall will exacerbate once fully staffed for next Fiscal Year
- Largest changes for budget for next year are the added FT employee and School Subsidy
- Next Fiscal Year Budget is showing nearly balanced budget
- Motion made by Mike Van Dyke to Approve Budget, seconded by Dave- APPROVED

NMCYM Coordinator

- Some Discussion surrounding Neenah Menasha Catholic Youth Ministry (NMCYM) Coordinator
 - Board Makeup (Pastors from St. Mary, St. John, St. Patrick, St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary)
 - Discussion surrounding financial compensation- Parishes to fundraise to fund the first 3 years of compensation for the position, allowing parishes to plan and adjust budgets after 3 years of funding is utilized. Hire will not be made until \$50,000 (1st year salary is raised). No impact to any parish budget for 3 years.

- Position to help with youth ministry event planning and build connections between SMCS and all of the parishes

Old Business

- Endowment Brochure and Estate Planning Workshop
 - Removing real estate transfer language from the brochure
 - Funeral and Estate Planning Workshop series in the Fall? Follow up meeting when planning progresses

New Business

- There was a recommendation from the SMCS security officer to install a fence around the playground.
- This was also a recommendation from the security audit done by the Neenah Police Department.
- In the process of obtaining fence quotes to explore fencing off main playground area
- Discussion surrounding how immediate this need would be between containment and child safety
- One By One Grant requests are coming due shortly, some discussion around items to include within the request
- Discussion relating to the columbarium sales and when a 2nd unit would be ordered.

B&G Update

- Workday coming up on June 20th
 - Playground repairs and weeding around the property
- Flooring repaired in new classroom hallway.
- A total of 6 rooms remaining for asbestos removal, 3 rooms to be completed in June, with a fourth room done in July, would leave 2 rooms to finish.
- New concrete sidewalk has been installed and looks great

Vision Update

- List of items identified and somewhat prioritized for the Vision funds and what projects are higher priority items, with pews being improved/replaced as a top priority relating to those funds. More funds may be needed in order to complete that project in full.
- Some discussion surrounding donor intent and reaching donors if project requires more funding or re-allocation of those funds

Next Meeting

- No July Meeting,
- Next meeting August 11th at 6:30pm

Closing Prayer – Fr. Brian

Adjournment – 8:00 PM