

Finance Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Dave Risgaard, Karen Rappl, Lynn Hopfensperger, Anne Greif, Mike Brown,
Al Solowicz, Joe Varkoly, Mike Van Dyke
Excused - Julie Klein

Opening prayer - Fr. Brian 6:40

Approval of August Minutes

Motion to approve by Joe V and Seconded by Dave R, Approved

Guest - Peter Krautkramer - 2025-2026 year-end cemetery report review

Reviewed cemetery handout from Peter in detail

Net loss \$29,479 in 2026 fiscal Year

Subsidy increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for each of three parishes

Discussion around when a second columbarium will be purchased

No recommendation was made by cemetery board

Perpetual Care Fund is probably too low, but no action has been taken

Dave R to review general investment funds portfolio - managed by Associated Bank

Review of financials – Anne

YTD Operating profit \$3,974

Received a \$20,000 donation which put us in the black

One open position is not filled yet

No major unusual expenses noted

Old business

Insurance discussion follow up

No new information

Plan to review coverage in one year after St Mary/St John claims are settled

Karen will initiate follow-up

Follow up – Steve Siegel re: envelopes at St Gabes

Mass attendance is up – no way to know if from St Mary/ St John

No increase in loose offering noted

Endowment brochures – were put out in back of church

Fence proposal

Missed deadline for state grant

\$33,000 bid was received

Much discussion on the need for a fence – some finance council members neutral
at this time and some neutral

Father and Lynn met with School PTO

PTO was supportive of project

Finance Council indicated that no funds are currently available

Still much discussion to be had if we need the fence or not

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New business

Father reviewed "The Mission and Life of St. Gabriel Parish and the new mission statement

Next step – come up with measurable items, i.e. SMART goals

Statement will be distributed to the parish on October 11th

B&G report – Mike

PA System in the gym being looked at

Fire alarm system is being repaired

New classroom blinds – still need to meet with some users on the need

New electrical panel - will not be done due to cost

Anne will look to reallocate \$1000 donation received for this project

Other business

Annual Parish Meeting - October 11, 9:00 a.m.

Finance Council members are encouraged to attend

Fiscal Year Financial results will be mailed to parishioners by the end of Sept

Anne will provide Father data for his annual letter to accompany results

Father had each department prepare notes on accomplishments

Information will be presented by Father

Financial and statistical data will be presented by Joe and Karen

Similar to last year

Next meeting dates

October 6th 6:30 PM – Father Brian unable to attend due to Clergy Congress

October 11th – annual parish meeting 9:00 AM

Closing prayer – Fr. Brian**Adjournment – 8:05 PM**

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