

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Unapproved Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Members present: Linda Lenhart (2026), Peggy Boone (2028), Tammy Shoemaker (2027), Dennis Comella (2027), Heather Skinner (2028), Bob Gray (2028), Ken Cusick (2027), Rita Dobson (2026), Fr. Jason Harris

Members absent: Deacon Tim Stout, Deacon Stephen Bowling, Kevin Abell (2026),

Prayer: Father Jason

Approval of April minutes: Dennis Comella, seconded by Tammy Shoemaker

Questions/comments/concerns

Question about the Catholic faith: When people donate organs, or body, is that OK? Cremation is acceptable; Father is going to check on the question; he knows donating organs is OK, but will check on donating whole body

What are the stewardship numbers at this point? They are low, but we still have a few weeks to go, but they never hear from EVERYBODY...group A donors (larger amount donors), those are a little down, group B is a little bit up, but it should come out nicely

We've probably heard from those that we will hear from...and then we will hear from the school people for the tuition aspect; active and inactive has muddied things a bit

Some people did not get their envelope? Maybe stamp on the envelopes, so people do not think it's junk mail

Thanking people at church is a nice way to remind people of the things they need to turn in...their stewardship forms, CSA etc. positive way to remind, and not brow beat

Membership drive: two people interested in both positions, four in finance and two in parish

Summer festival: chicken prices are high, no man power, so there will be food trucks, brats, fish, fries, easy stuff; Mens Club meeting 5/6 to hammer out

Really wondering if this can go on...what are ideas for continuing? Does Father hire someone or contract someone? Other parishes have Marketing or events person at other parishes

At this point, it is his staff that is handling the entire thing. Just heard to find a parishioner to head it up. Last year instead of having one big picnic chair, he divided it into 12 chairs, we usually make \$50,000. One day has been working, not as much trouble is made

Knights of Columbus does a chicken dinner for St. Paul's, could we hire a group to come in and do it? We will see how this year goes, but will need to figure something out

We discussed different ideas that might replace the picnic, Gala is nice because it is more of a community event, picnic is more of a public event, Food trucks would be a draw for a younger generation of people. It would be nice to keep the chicken dinner for tradition and draw.

Capital projects:

Joker's Wild will help with the 1,000,000 capital costs this summer

Should be Ok on funds for rectory, with sale of houses and land

When gym was built they did the AC and piped it through the floor of the building, we will now use existing duct work and rooftop units to cool and it will be much more efficient, also easier to replace in 30 years

Will be buying and moving the units (3) to the roof, we've had a structural engineer to look at the roof and all good, will do the units first and then fix the roof

It will take a year to get all the bids and get it all organized. The minute school is out next May, they will start and shut down the gym, may or may not affect the picnic next year

Our Maintenance director is great at managing the campus

Landscaping

Looking at quotes to get irrigation, see if it's possible and affordable. Will pull from the back of the church, and maybe redo some concrete, but some of that needs to be redone anyway

Really considering sod in a lot of the places, clean looking, easy upkeep, will probably need to get a small push mower for maintenance

Between the church and the gym (alleyway) move benches from another spot to be five benches, and plant dogwoods behind them, maybe make a spot where we could have donuts, etc.

Church phase one, courtyard phase two, Hudson

lane along school will be phase three

Courtyard on the back of the church is last to be done

Timeline to do things, it will be later if we do the irrigation project

Capital projects will be going on with the \$300,000 (apoxy floors, landscaping, fourth grade stairwell, snow blower, preschool sump pump, move fence in playpark, add items to playpark)

Prayer: Father Jason Harris

Minutes submitted by Heather Skinner