

Sacred Heart –Grosse Ile  
Finance Committee meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2022

**Attendance**

Fr. Marc Gawronski  
Sue Biedlingmaier  
Ken Juip  
Gary Latendresse  
Deb Stevens

**Absent**

Mark Gilroy  
Mary Podczervinski

- Fr. Marc called this ad hoc meeting to order and opened with a prayer
- Fr. Marc announced that the purpose of today's limited meeting was to discuss:
  - Repairs to the Church Parking Lot
  - Planning and Construction of a Columbarium near the cemetery.
- Fr. Marc indicated his preference was to conduct a capital campaign in conjunction with the 2023/ 2024 CSA Program and to completely repave the church parking lot in the 2023 / 2024 time-frame.
- A lively discussion ensued with others questioning the timing of a capital campaign given the current unfavorable economic environment and the fact that Sacred Heart has \$700,000 in its savings account. A counterproposal was made to instead proceed with a partial repair not to exceed \$25,000 and to postpone a capital campaign until the current savings were depleted or the press of other high-cost projects such as the replacement of the church roof and repairs to the church steeple were beyond funding absent a capital campaign
- A consensus was reached and approval to repair the church parking lot for \$25,000 was agreed to. It was further agreed that the need for a capital campaign in the next few years would be reviewed periodically
- The discussion then turned to the subject of a Sacred Heart Columbarium.
- Fr. Marc reiterated his desire was to move forward with a design and construction firm that was known by and favorably looked upon by the AOD. It was agreed that David Ward would be invited to Sacred Heart to begin the process of designing and creating a marketing plan for a columbarium Phase I not to exceed \$50,000. If the resulting plan were to exceed \$50,000, the parish would have to seek additional approvals from the AOD Consultants.
- Fr. Marc then encouraged to committee to work closely with Sue and Kim Hyland to finalize a Sacred Heart Five Year Financial plan with prioritized capital spending and funding.
- There being no further business, Fr. Marc ended the meeting with a prayer.

Gary P. Latendresse  
Secretary