

**St. Edmond Parish Advisory Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2025**

Council chair, Ralph Gaubert, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The opening prayer was led by Fr. Joe.

Members present: Fr. Joe Campion, Keith Patin, Charlene Bernard, Lisa Collard, America De Los Rios Daigle (Substitute for Georgina), Ralph Gaubert, Kimberly Gothreaux, Bobby Green, Ricky Moran, Kay Richard, Johnny Schwegmann, Leah Simmons, Bill Vidacovich

Excused/Absent: Deacon Frank Cormier, Jim Trahan, Travis Meche, Georgina O'Campo, Mike Terro

Guests: Architects, Mario Benoit and Steven Domingue and Architecture Designer, Doug Gauthier; members of a subcommittee looking into the designs of an Adoration Chapel on campus.

Father Joe stated that about a year ago he threw out the idea of having a free-standing Adoration Chapel, as the one we have is not adequate for reverence and adoration. It is also lacking bathroom facilities. Because of the Jubilee which occurred last year, he decided to postpone the idea until now. He reported the following information from the Finance Committee meeting held last night: The construction cost is approximately \$500,000 and because there is approximately \$2,000,000 in savings, the Finance Committee proposed that Church funds be used for half of the cost and that a Capital Campaign be held to fund the rest of it. In addition, because the Church has a lighting and sound problem with an approximate cost of \$150,000 to remedy, the Finance Committee voted to include all of this into one project.

He then turned the meeting over to Steven Domingue, who gave a presentation on the design guiding principles that they considered for the Chapel. These included Sacred Silence, Spatial Intimacy, Faithful Community Uplift, Enduring Craftsmanship, Meaningful Location and Contextual Harmony, Safety and Accessibility and Symbolic Significance. He also stated that the project may involve some drainage issues which would add to the cost.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Kay Richard and seconded by Lisa Collard that the Council follow the recommendations of the Finance Committee to move forward on all three projects. The motion passed unanimously.

The closing prayer was led by Keith Patin.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charlene Bernard