

Minutes

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Council

July 17, 2013

Meeting Called by Bit Thomaston

Members:	Attendees:	Guests:
Monsignor Michael Sexton	Y	Rodney Martin
Bit Thomaston	Y	James Raynor
Serge Brazzolotto	Y	
Bucky Funderburg	N	
Julie Smith	Y	
Gloria Rodgers	N	
Karen Hand	Y	
John Stice	N	
Scott Denton	Y	
Paul Boyle, Jr.	Y	

Mission Statement: "As witness to the love of Jesus Christ, our parish commits to be a more active and compassionate faith community."

I. Opening Prayer

Monsignor Sexton opened the meeting with prayer.

II. Minutes from April Meeting

The minutes were approved by Serge Brazzolotto and Scott Denton 2nd them.

III. Welcome New Members

Bit Thomaston welcomed the new members to our Parish Council: Karen Hand, Scott Denton, and Gloria Rodgers.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Knights of Columbus

James Raynor spoke to the parish council members regarding the engraved monstrance in honor of Jim Gregg. He stated that it is coming from Italy and will be here late summer. The knights want to have a dedication ceremony in honor of Jim Gregg.

The knights had a great turn out for the July 4th BBQ. They thank everyone who came out and supported them. They are planning the next BBQ for Labor Day weekend. They will start on Friday, August 30th and hope to sell out by Saturday, August 31st.

The Knights are asking permission to have a prayer service on Monday, August 19th for Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Stice asked the Knights of Columbus to help cook hamburgers for the yard sale to be held at Ann's New Life Center on August 2nd and August 3rd.

B. Maintenance/Grounds:

Rodney Martin submitted his report to the parish council members. This report can be obtained in the church office. He informed them that lightning struck the fire alarm system causing him to call Simplex/Grinnell Alarm Company to diagnose the problem and how to fix it. There was little damage to the amplifier and it has been repaired. The two restrooms in the church hall have been painted by the Rochford family and also a family donated new lights for the bathrooms. Rodney stated that the assisted listening sets have been replaced and all have been specially ordered. Rodney mentioned that blue bins have been placed in both foyers for obtaining soup cans, school supplies, etc.

C. Religious Education:

Parma Boyle submitted the report to the parish council members and this report can be obtained in the church office.

D. Finance:

The report was submitted and Monsignor Sexton went over it with the parish council members. This report can be obtained in the church office.

V. Old Business

A. Inactive Catholic Committee:

Monsignor Sexton and Bit talked about the nominated people for this ministry. They discussed that this committee will not be a part of the parish council. Monsignor is still working on selecting people to take on this ministry. Some of the council members were concerned about how some of our inactive Catholics are people who have recently become Catholic. Serge suggested having the sponsors follow up with the newly confirmed Catholics.

B. Welcome Weekend

We will start our welcome weekend in early August. The church will set up tables at the end of mass that will provide information about joining the church, signing up for religious education, etc. Karen Hand asked if our welcome cards could be in Spanish making it bilingual. Bit is going to check on having the cards bilingual. Scott mentioned that our cards should be bigger in order to place a regular size postage stamp on the card to return. The welcome weekend will be one or two times a month.

C. Church Website

John Bryant has taken the roll of the webmaster for our parish website. He has done a fantastic job with it already. Karen had suggested that we create a way to submit donations to certain ministries through the church website. We have also noticed that some pdf files are not opening and this is being looked into.

D. Grounds

Weeds have taken over the new lawn on our parish grounds. Monsignor is looking for ideas as to help keep this under control. One idea is to have families take turns managing the grounds. Bit suggested maybe having a gardening committee for this. Chris Frey cuts the lawn and Karen and Bob Hand manage the Grotto.

VI. New Business

A. Election of Parish Council Officers:

Julie Smith has offered to remain secretary and Bit has offered to remain President if everyone approves. Bit will talk to Bucky about remaining as Vice President and we will hold elections next meeting in August.

B. Welcome Reception

It was talked about having the welcome reception every quarter. We have 11 new families to join our church since the last welcome reception. Our next reception will be held on August 11, 2013 following the 8:30 Sunday mass. We will have light refreshments.

C. Parish Council Retreat

Sister Marie Leonard will facilitate the retreat. We will have a meet and greet among the parish council members in order to learn about one another. The date is pending.

D. Monthly Opening Prayer Sign up

The parish council members signed up for their month to open the meetings with prayer. The signup sheet has been attached with the minutes.

VII. Closing Remarks and Suggestions

- Remind ministry committees to send monthly reports to the council members for review.
- Stewardship needs to update their list of members.
- Keep the youth in church. Scott Denton asked if we had a youth group for people over the age of 18. We need to find a way to keep high school students interested in mass.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Monsignor Sexton closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting will be held on August 21, 2013

Parish Council

Opening Prayer Service

Sign Up Sheet

2013 - 2014

August	Scott Denton
September	Monsignor out/Unscheduled
October	Serge Brazzolotto
November	_____
December	No Meeting/Christmas
January	Karen Hand
February	Bit Thomaston
March	Julie Smith
April	Gloria Rodgers
May	_____
June	Paul Boyle