

Our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Council

Minutes, July 20, 2016

The Pastoral Council of Our Lady of the Lake met on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the conference room in the parish hall.

Members Present:

Council Members	Attendance					
Father Michael Sexton	yes					
Carl Rochford	yes					
Sonya Lerwis	yes					
Jonanna Murphy	yes					
Sonia Dale	yes					
Mark McRae	yes					
Stephen Reese	yes					
Joe Stanley	yes					
Beth Brouillette	yes					

Rodney Martin, Chair of Maintenance was the only visitor.

Chair Sonia Dale opened the meeting and Karen Hand said the opening prayer.

Finance Committee:

Father Sexton reported for the finance committee. The closing balance for collections for the 2015-16 fiscal year was \$291,729.33 while the balance for the preceding fiscal year was \$296,090.00. Father explained that the difference in contributions was the results of several families moving or from deaths of members in the parish. The total of contributions (including the building fund, special collections and Social Concerns) totaled \$434,508.89 for 2015-16 and for 2013-14 the contributions were \$379,249.58. Father emphasized that the amount of contributions for Social Concerns was higher than in previous years.

Expenses for June, 2016 were \$21, 380.18 with the collections were just \$19,490.85. The contributions of additional money for the building fund and Social Concerns brought the total of income to \$26, 749.21.

Maintenance: Rodney Martin, chair of the Maintenance Committee reported that the hall is being painted and the parking lot is being tarred. The taring of the parking lots will take approximately two weeks. 12 handicapped spaces will be placed along with a sign for the Pastor's Parking space. The vesting room and new restroom will be completed on Monday, July 25 when the contractors complete the punch list. The restroom currently needs a door lock. This restroom was completed as a handicapped restroom to meet the requirements of the ADA. Churches are not required to meet those requirements. A new refrigerator (without a freezer) has been delivered to the parish hall kitchen. There are two freezers in the foyer of the hall. Rodney also reported that the air conditioner is in need of work and that someone has been called to complete the work. He also stated that the lock on the cabinet for Surf Siders is broken and will be repaired. Many Thanks to Rodney and Jay Benson for their work.

Hospitality: Karen Hand

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18 at Lakeside Park. Children will receive a bracelet for the Splash Pad after lunch. The picnic will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 3:30. All members of the parish are invited to come and enjoy the company of their church families.

The parish Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday, December 4 at Celebrations. It will begin at 4:30 pm. The Knights of Columbus will provide the meat and the parish families will provide the other dishes and desert.

Old Business:

Carl Rochford asked for help for the next month with placing the leaves on the **Tree of Mercy** located in both foyers. Karen Hand will take place the leaves on the tree for the next month. Carl will speak to the parish during mass to reintroduce them to the Tree of Mercy.

Recycling: Marguerite Gorman has placed recycling bins in the parish hall. She has located someone who will recycle the red and clear solo cups used for many occasions in the parish. Many thanks to Marguerite and Jim Gorman, Jay Benson, Deacon Serge Brazzolotto, and Rodney Martin for their work with this committee.

New Business:

Karen Hand reported that the Religious Education classes were going to be asked to make **Stewardship** posters. Each class will make a poster. The winning group will be given a pizza party. Stewardship Sunday will be September 10 and 11.

Hispanic Ministry: Mari Culver

Mary Culver, chairman of the Hispanic Ministry, is in the process of collecting school supplies that will be given to children in needy families. The drive for rice and beans was successful. She will be collecting blankets for migrant workers in October.

The **Feast of Guadalupe mass** will be on Monday, December 12. Gloria Raynor and other Hispanic members will be asked to help with this celebration. Father Alex has already agreed to come and say mass for this celebration.

RCIA and Welcome Cards: Joe Stanley and Beth Brouillette reported on the success of the RCIA welcome cards mailed to the new members of the parish. All Pastoral Council members signed the cards of welcome. Beth also provided welcoming cards for new families. Parma Boyle currently sends welcome baskets to new members.

Election of Officers for 2016-2017:

New officers were elected for this year: Sonia Dale, Chairman, Mark McRae Vice Chairman, and Karen Hand, Secretary.

Safety Issue: It has been brought to the attention of the Pastoral Council that there is a major issue concerning the safety of our children. Many small children go to the restroom without the supervision of parents. It is important that smaller children be escorted by parents to the restroom. There is also a danger to our children when they play around in the church and hall parking lots unsupervised. Parents are to be cautioned concerning these issues.

Blood Drive:

There will be a Blood Drive on Sunday, August 7 in the parish hall. The American Red Cross is asking for donations. OLL is requested to donate 23 pints of blood.

The Immaculate Conception Church in Wedowee will dedicate their new church on August 13 at 10:00 am. All are welcome to come and celebrate.

With no other business, Father Sexton closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17 in the parish hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hand, Secretary.

