

**Our Lady of the Lake  
Pastoral Council**

**Minutes July, 2021**

Council Members	Attendance
Father Bill Lucas	Yes
Mary Burns	Yes
Britton Falkner	Yes
Bernie Funderburg	Yes
Debbie Gossett	Yes
Leslie Hutto	No
Christy McKinney	Yes
Jeff Reach	Yes
Brenda Rochford	Yes
Allen Ross	No

The meeting was opened with prayer by Fr. Bill Lucas. Fr. Bill called the meeting to order. Prior to the meeting minutes being voted on Fr. Bill mentioned Mary Culver would like us to consider starting a blessings box, this was added to meeting agenda. Bernie Funderburg also mentioned the possibility of offering a stipend pay of possibly \$20 for cantors as many times cantors are leading worship for three services in one weekend. This was also added to the agenda.

Fr. Bill spent some time going over Page 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws for the “Pastoral Council” to reinforce the proper role of the council which is to:

- Advise the Pastor in areas that could help him in his pastoral role, but that we were not directly involved with areas of Finances & Goods.
- We will be given reports including some financial reports which are designed to help keep us informed.
- We may have some ad-hoc meetings should the need arise.
- We were encouraged to bring items/issues to the meeting.

Fr. Bill Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting held in May, 2021. Bernie motioned to approve the minutes, Britton seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Committee Reports**

**Building Committee – Fr. Bill**

Building Committee met on June 22 to put off building of the Parish Hall, Columbarium, and Gymnasium. It was later discussed if it was possible to build the Columbarium separate from the other two buildings. Cindy Coyle the Architect was contacted with the question and she presented her findings with an estimate of \$286,545. Fr. Bill would like a Columbarium Committee started to investigate the feasibility and next steps with the possibility to start taking collections for spaces in the fall. There is money in the budget to cover the expense of the Columbarium especially if funds are raised in the fall to help offset costs.

Bell Tower update, the price has changed slightly from when it was originally quoted from \$89k to \$97k so we are awaiting an updated estimate from the builder. Once that is received it will be passed along to the Bishop for approval, once approved the project will be scheduled with the builder. Builder stated it should take 6 weeks from the time they begin construction until it is finished.

Fr. Bill is awaiting a sizable donation to the building fund which will enhance our current building fund from its \$750k balance.

Deacon Serge is the current head of the Building Committee

Brenda Rochford volunteered to be part of the Columbarium Committee.

### **Finance Council– Fr. Bill**

Our fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We reviewed last year's budget as well as this year's budget to date. In addition Fr. Bill explained various line items in the budget report so that all council members would have a greater understanding.

Restricted Operating – This is our social needs budget and is not an interest bearing account, what we have is what we give out. It goes towards things such as Utility Bill Support.

Unrestricted Operation – Weekly Collections etc...

\*\*Note the \$33,477.13 is depreciation expenses and not an actual expense. It was a depreciation taken on several items, not one single item.

\*\*Capital Expense overages due primarily to architectural fees.

Finance Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month, so from time to time we will not get a finance report during our meeting due to the timing of the two meetings being so close together.

### **Knights of Columbus Report – Bernie Funderburg**

We scheduled 3 BBQ's for the year, two have already occurred. The final one will be the Labor Day BBQ.

We had our annual Budget meeting and scholarships etc. were all approved for the coming year.

Knights will be cooking all the meats and side dishes for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic at the parish.

It was asked by a council member if we would be doing a pancake breakfast for the first day of Religious Education. Fr. Bill stated the church would be providing a breakfast, Bernie said he would bring up the idea of the Pancake breakfast to the Knights on Monday Night.

### **Latino Committee – Christy McKinney**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month is the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer gathering.

The rosary is prayed as a group followed by food. Then Our Lady will go with a new family for a month, during which she will be placed in a place of honor within the home and family members are to pray the rosary, although not required to be done daily.

The committee hopes that we will be able to have the next meeting in September as things have been on hold due to Covid19.

### **Liturgy Committee – Fr. Bill**

Committee will soon meet to begin planning for the Advent Season.

A mix up occurred with dates advertised for alter server training. There is one more chance this coming Saturday to attend alter server training.

Bernie asked if K of C members could attend or if it was only for younger altar servers. Fr. Bill assured him they are welcome and that he thought it would be a good idea.

A discussion surrounding paying Cantors ensued although no fixed suggestion was made the general consensus was that either existing Cantors should be paid or more Cantors should be found to ease the current burden felt by some. This led to further discussion including our need for more Organist and Pianists. Fr. Bill stated he would contact someone at Jacksonville State to see if someone who lives in Pell City would be interested in getting involved. Both issues would be raised during the September Liturgy Committee meeting.

### **Maintenance Committee – Fr. Bill**

New Carpet in the Church is needed

We are dealing with a mold issue in the sanctuary which needs to be addressed.

Inside of sanctuary needs to be painted.

Sound system is being addressed by Jay Benson

### **Religious Education Committee – Fr. Bill**

31<sup>st</sup> of August will be the start for RCIA

22<sup>nd</sup> of August will be the start of Religious Education. A parent meeting will occur while the children are in their first class.

1<sup>st</sup> of August is a required Teachers Meeting in between the Masses.

(From Supplied RE Report)

Youth Meetings will resume in August or September TBA

Youth Group Leaders:

Carly Sadler

### **Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Picnic – Fr. Bill**

Postponed from Last Year due to Covid

August of 1970 the Church was Dedicated (although there was some discussion on the exact year)

Parish started in the Telephone Company building in 1968 according to Debbie.

5<sup>th</sup> of August a meeting with the planning committee will occur.

Knights of Columbus will prepare main dishes and sides.

Two Large Tents will be onsite to provide for additional seating outside.

History of the Church presentation will be shown and available for purchase.

Karaoke is also planned.

Invitations will be mailed August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Date of the event is September 12 after the 11:00 Mass

### **Food Blessing Box – Fr. Bill**

A discussion was had around the food blessing box that Mary Culver suggested to Fr. Bill.

- Concerns regarding legalities and risk need to be addressed with the Diocese
- Suggestion of doing it only during certain times of the year, or other food related giving opportunities.
- Debbie also brought up the idea of feeding the Pell City High School band during their band camps as other churches in the area are doing it. Fr. Bill was on board with the idea although timing for this year might be hard. He asked Debbie to have the person in charge contact him directly.
- Fr. Bill further suggested that he was very keen on having our Church do more in the community.

### **Term Commitments and Officer Votes – Fr. Bill**

- Pastoral Committee Members may serve (2) Terms of (3) years each. This year is a little different as some people will be serving a (2) year term and some (3) years. This was done randomly to allow for us to get back on track with our Bylaws after Covid forced the council to stay in session a year longer than normal.
- Fr. Bill spend some time reviewing the three Executive Positions and a vote was had.
- Bernie Funderburg was nominated by several members for Chairman however he declined the nomination. Jeff Reach volunteered for chairman nomination and was unopposed, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.
- Bernie Funderburg nominated himself for Vice Chairman. He ran unopposed and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.
- Brenda Rochford was nominated to be secretary, she agreed to run. She ran unopposed and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- Executive terms are 1 year in length.

Each month one person will lead the Pastoral Committee in opening prayer. A schedule was drafted by all in attendance as follows:

July 2021 – **Fr. Bill**

August 2021 – **Bernie Funderburg**

Sept. 2021 – **Britton Falkner**

Oct. 2021 – **Christy McKinney**

Nov. 2021 – **Debbie Gossett**

Dec. 2021 – NO MEETING

Jan. 2022 – **Brenda Rochford**

Feb. 2022 – **Mary Burns**

March 2022 – **Leslie Hutto**

May 2022 – **Jeff Reach**

April 2022 – **Allen Ross**

Father Bill closed our meeting in prayer, meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.