

**Our lady of the Lake  
Pastoral Council**

**Minutes August 2021**

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bernie Funderburg. Jeff Reach called the meeting to order. July's meeting minutes were read and a few corrections were brought to the Council's attention by Father Bill. Corrections will be made and resubmitted to the Council before the September meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Building Committee- Fr. Bill**

-A committee for the Columbarium project has been formed and the members are: Fr. Bill, Deacon Serge, Michael DeCastra (Finance Council), Brenda Rochford (Pastoral Council), Shelley Hamman (Parish Secretary), and Doug Ross. The committee will meet in the near future. An agreement form is being constructed now so people will know what they are committing to and also to see how many that have expressed the desire to have a niche in the past will still be interested in following through. We need several parishioners to commit before the Columbarium can be built. Presale for niches will be in October & November 2021.

### **Building Committee Continued-**

-The contract for the Bell Tower has been sent to Fr. Bill and he passed it on to the Diocese and the attorney, Steve Hale. Anything over \$ 25,000 needs to be signed off by the Bishop. We are waiting on approval from the Bishop and the attorney. It will take approximately 6 weeks to complete the construction of the tower once the contract has been signed. The steel has already started being fabricated. Debbie Gossett asked Fr. Bill if the Bell Tower was attributed to him and Fr. Bill said it came to be because one individual wanted to do this project and donated a large portion of funds to help with it. This project is not being advised by the Building Committee.

### **Finance Council- Fr. Bill**

-Diane Hart is the 6<sup>th</sup> member of the finance Council. She and her husband, Lane, just moved here in January.

-We had higher income than expenses in July.

-The Finance Council had escrowed \$20,000 for the payroll protection because they were not sure if it was a loan or a grant but now they know that it is a grant and we can use this money for other things.

### **Knights of Columbus- Bernie Funderburg**

-The Knights are cooking breakfast between Masses on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the return of Religious Ed.

-They will be selling BBQ for Labor Day.

-The Knights are thinking about having a prayer service on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Latino Committee- Fr. Bill**

-Has not had a meeting recently.

### **Liturgy Committee- Fr. Bill**

-Scheduled to meet Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-Altar Servers will start serving in Sept. Another training is schedule for Aug 28<sup>th</sup> and adults can attend also. Children need to have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion before they can serve.

### **Maintenance Committee- Fr. Bill**

-Fr. Bill is moved into the new rectory. Jay and Bob having been doing some repairs on old wood at the rectory.

- There was static in the speakers due to a light fixture but this problem has been resolved. We are still looking into upgrading the sound system in the church. This would be to replace some speakers and a woofer or tweeter. We have gotten one bid for \$2800.00 from a company in Anniston. Does not include microphones just new speakers and work on the PA system.
- Outside electricity will be fixed before the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- New carpet will be going into the church and hall. The color has not been decided yet. The money for this is already in the budget for this year.

### **Religious Education-Fr. Bill**

- RCIA will begin Aug 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm. We currently have 5 people signed up to attend.
- 32 children are registered to attend Religious Ed classes this year with the smallest class having at least 2 children. Jim is expecting a few more to register. Students can register throughout the year with the exception of the Confirmation Class and the First Holy Communion Class. These will be handled on an individual basis.
- Breakfast will be Sunday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the beginning of RE
- No masks are required at this time and we will follow the Pell City School Systems procedures on this manner.
- Catechists will be responsible for wiping down and disinfecting their classrooms after each class. We do have a cleaning service that also comes in and cleans on Saturdays.
- Britton Falkner asked if there was still a need for RE teachers. We still have at least 1 class that only has 1 teacher. Jim is working on getting some more help. We might have to combine classes so as to have 2 teachers in each class.
- Jim has been making calls to people to see if they are going to register their children.

### **Old Business**

### **Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration-Debbie Gossett**

- Working on the history and Larry Krantz is working on a video.
- The committee has decided to not have karaoke at the celebration.
- Knights are preparing most of the foods and Bernie Funderburg has purchased the trash cans.

- The tents will go up the week before the event.
- Dvd's will be available for purchase?
- Invitations have been mailed.
- Do we know what volunteers are needed? Fr. Bill said to contact Karen Hand if you want to volunteer.
- There will be a couple of people outside the church to welcome people before the 11:15 Mass.
- The committee will meet Aug.30<sup>th</sup> before the celebration.

### **Blessing Box-Fr. Bill**

-Fr. Bill spoke with the Diocesan attorney and the attorney had never heard of a Blessing Box and asked for more information. St Simon Peter Church was contacted. They host a Blessings Box and so far it is going well. They have 2 people who keep an eye on it. Fr. Bill has not spoken to New Hope Baptist Church about their food distribution ministry yet.

### **New Business**

- Bernie Funderburg asked if we can purchase a crown for Mary to be used for special occasions. The Knights of Columbus may purchase the crown. Bernie will check with them. Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Queenship of Mary and that would be a good time to use the crown but we would not be able to get a crown by then. There are several days we could use the crown on Mary, May Crowning, Birth of Mary, The Rosary in October. In the Rites book there is a rite for the Crowning of Mary. We need to measure Mary and order it from a statue manufacturer. (Alfa Church Supply) Fr. Bill is onboard with this.
- Jeff Reach went to his old parish and they were doing a food drive and the way they presented it is that when you go to the store and see the buy one get one you can donate the get one. This is an easy way to have a food drive. Fr. Bill is good with this but we need to decide who will benefit from the food that is being donated.
- Brenda Rochford asked if we could do a bottled water drive for the elementary schools in Pell City. Due to Covid students are not allowed to use the drinking fountains. This may be something we could do for next year but the need may be different next year during back to school.
- Fr. Bill introduced Leslie Hutto

-Leslie Hutto wants to donate a prolife statue. It needs a pedestal to sit on. The pedestal could be brick or granite or a concrete slab. The statue should be at eye level. It will be out of the foundry in 10-12 weeks so it may not be ready till the spring. Bernie will ask the Knights to see if they could help with the pedestal. Bernie also has a connection, his brother, with a brick mason to see if they could match the pedestal with the bell tower brick. We will talk at a later date as to the placement of the statue.

-Our next meeting will be Sept 15<sup>th</sup>