

Our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Council

Minutes September 2021

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Jeff Reach. Jeff Reach called the meeting to order. August's meeting minutes were read and approved.

Committee Reports

Building Committee- Fr. Bill

-A letter was sent to Bishop Raica on Sept 7th requesting permission to see the rights to use the niches in the proposed columbarium. The goal of the drive is two-fold: To see if there is enough interest in the columbarium and to fund the construction through those who will use it. If the Bishop approves, the planning committee will be able to calculate the cost for a niche or a memorial plaque, establish an agreement between the parish and those who wish to use a niche, and develop a pamphlet to explain what a columbarium is and what it means to purchase the rights to use a niche. There will also be a way for people to choose a specific niche. If all goes well we may be able to start sometime next year.

-The contract for the construction of the bell tower from Hale Building Co. was signed by Bishop Raica August 31st. We are waiting to hear from Hale about a construction schedule. Construction should take about 6-8wks.

Finance Council- Fr. Bill

-Will meet August 16th. No report at this time.

Knights of Columbus- Bernie Funderburg

-The Labor Day BBQ went well.

-The Knights prayer service will be Saturday, September 18th at 9am.

-The Silver Rose Service will be Sunday, September 19th at 6:30pm.

Latino Committee- Christy McKinney

-The Rosary is still being said for the Pilgrim Virgin on the 3rd Saturday of the month in the church hall

-We will be getting ready for the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Liturgy Committee-Fr. Bill

-At the last meeting they discussed the need for Altar Servers. Currently we have Servers for 11:15 Mass but we need them for 8:30 Mass. They will continue to recruit from Religious Ed. May need to use adult servers at 8:30 Mass in the future if we cannot find children to serve. The K of C currently serves at 5:00pm Mass on Saturday's.

- Went through the calendar for upcoming Holy Days to plan for these days and will meet again in November

Maintenance Committee-Fr. Bill

-There has been no change at the Rectory since last month's report

-The church sound system- has been repaired. We had bad wiring and the speakers did not need to be updated. We may need to watch the volume now since it is fixed.

-Outside electricity has been completed or in the process of being completed

-The new carpeting is complete except the carpet in the foyer of the hall was not measured so it was not installed. They will be coming back to replace this carpet.

Religious Education-Fr. Bill

-Religious Ed will start again this coming Sunday, Sept 19th

-The Living Rosary is schedule for outside one Sunday in October

-The Youth Group, 6-12, will meet for the first time this coming week.

Religious Education continued-

- The youth Group will eat, pray, reflect on the work, and have some social time. We are working on getting a stable group of children to attend.
- Adult Chaperones are needed for the Youth Group. Fr. Bill is encouraging Jim Mathis to form a young adult youth council to help plan and chaperone events for the youth.

Old Business

Progress on the Bell Tower- Contract approved and waiting for construction to start.

Parish 50th Anniversary- The picnic went well. The history of the church wall was a big hit. Fr. Bill is praying for guidance for a permit home for the history wall.

Columbarium- Nothing new to report. The committee will be meeting soon.

Blessing Box- Nothing new to report

Crown for Mary- Knights will purchase star crown. Bernie will measure Mary's head to be able to purchase the correct size.

Food Drive- Kathy Bryant will be contacting Fr. Bill to see if he is ok with doing the Thanksgiving Food drive like we did last year and just ask for monetary donations.

Bottle Water Drive- Fr. Bill has put a plea for bottled water in the bulletin for the local elementary schools while their drinking fountains are out of use due to Covid. Bottled water can be left in the foyers and Brenda Rochford will pick up and distribute.

Pro Life Statue- The statue will require a pedestal to stand on. Bernie Funderburg said the Knights may be able to help with the cost for the pedestal. Where to place the statue was discussed and in front of the stained glass windows was mentioned.

New Business

Video sales- Karen Hand had mentioned being able to purchase a DVD of the video that was running during the Church's Anniversary and having this as a fundraiser. John Bryant was going to put it on the Church's website. Not sure about selling. Need to talk to Larry Krantz or John Bryant about this.

Next meeting Oct 20th

Closing Prayer- Fr. Bill