

**Our Lady of the Lake
Pastoral Council**

Minutes October 27, 2021

<u>Council Member's</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Father Bill Lucas	Yes
Mary Burns	Yes
Britton Falkner	Yes
Bernie Funderburg	Yes
Debbie Gossett	Yes
Leslie Hutto	No
Cristy McKinney	Yes
Jeff Reach	Yes
Brenda Rochford	Yes
Allen Ross	Yes

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

Building Committee-Fr. Bill

-Bell Tower- Fr Bill has spoken with the architect to get with the construction company to move forward. Hope to start soon.

-Columbarium committee met Oct 7th and we have now received from the Diocese the policy for operation and construction of the columbarium and we are going to have to see if we can still go through with our plans. The policies in place are made for bigger Parishes. Moneys for the columbarium cannot come from any restricted funds (accounts such as the building fund). We would have to charge \$3500-\$4000 per person and also would need 80-100 people to commit to the project up front. The columbarium committee will meet again on November 11th.

-Old Rectory-Britton Falkner is facilitating the sale of the old Rectory with Fr. Bill. The Bishop and the purchaser have signed the contract. The rectory appraised for \$175,000. This is a cash sale and no commissions or inspections have to occur. Debbie Gossett thought that the house was worth more than what it sold for because of location (on the water). This was a good price. Closing date not known at this time.

Finance Council-Fr. Bill

- The council met October 18th and it was an 11 minute meeting.
- The report that was distributed was for a 3 month period ending Sept 30th
- Income is not always money- \$20,000 is a grant from the payroll protection policy. It is not cash that is in our bank account. This money has been used through the Diocese.
- Expenditures were low because we have not spent the money for the bell tower yet.
- Someone donated \$10,000 in July and the asked for it back in September.
- The committee will meet again in November on the 3rd Monday.

Knights of Columbus-Bernie Funderburg

- Fall Festival went well
- The Knights have some concerns about the Churches flag pole. John Bryant is the person who lowers and raises the flag. The K of C would like to bundle a new flag pole and light in with the building of the bell tower. This cannot be done because the contract has already been signed for the bell tower. We can talk about getting a new pole and light but it just needs to be its own project.
- Prayer Service-would like to schedule for December 11th-Fr.Bill approves.
- Fr. Asked if the Knights were going to be Altar Servers this upcoming Sunday at the Knights Mass.
- The Knights will be hosting the Silver Rose again next year
- The Knights will be hosting the St Joseph icon also but will talk more about this in the future.

Latino Committee-Cristy McKinney

- The committee met October 14th to discuss Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 12th there will be some special prayers in observance of Our Lady of Guadalupe before the 8:30 Mass. We cannot do this during Mass because this is the 3rd week of Advent and we have to do the reading for Advent. There will also be Latino food served at the church's Christmas dinner later that afternoon with Our Lady present.

Liturgy Committee-Fr. Bill

- Has not met since our last Pastoral Council meeting. The will meet Nov. 4th

Maintenance Committee- Fr. Bill

- Church sound system have been repaired. The problem was with the wiring not the speakers. The total cost was around \$1100 instead of the \$2800 that was budgeted for this repair.
- Outside electricity is complete
- Carpet project is complete. Fr. Bill is going to order a new area rug for the Altar. We spent \$3300 instead of \$3600 on project.

Religious Ed & Youth-Fr. Bill

- We have had some youth meetings. Attendance has gone from 2 to 6 participants then none the last meeting. Meeting on Wed evenings
- Religious Ed-We are not getting a lot of students. 5 students in our Confirmation Class and 4 in our First Communion Class.

Old Business

- +Bell Tower-talked about
- +Columbarium-talked about
- +Blessing Box-nothing new
- +Crown for Mary-Bernie needs to measure her head still. Crown is paid for just need to measure and order.
- +Food Drive-just doing monetary donations this year again to give money to the Food Pantry.
- +Giving Tree-Wish lists have been sent out to local elementary schools and will be returned by November 5th. Jeff Reach offered to have his wife submit a letter asking for monetary donations like she did last year from Target where she works. We are asking if individuals would like to sponsor a child or family this year as well as putting ornaments on the tree.
- +Water Drive- Brenda is picking up the cases of water for the local elementary schools. Drive is going well. Lots have been donated
- +Pro Life Statue-just need to know the base size. Leslie needs to give us the dimensions for the base. Fr. Bill has picked a spot where the statue will be placed.

New Business

- +Synod-The first part of the journey to the Sinod is Prayer and the Bishop will host 4 regional Holy Hours. November 8th there will be one at Our Lady of the Lake at 7pm. Info will be in the bulletin and in the announcements. Then next year there will be regional or parish gatherings to get input from

Catholics about what should be the Churches mission in the 21st century. Fr. Bill thinks that our gathering will be in Anniston to help better serve the surrounding areas. During the Easter season there will be more specific planning about what we can do to make the ideas (values) more concrete. Then after Pentecost we will start implementing these ideas (values) either at the Parish or Diocesan level. The above will be going on in 2022 and then in 2023 there will be a world meeting of Bishops in Rome in October to discuss what is being done in different parts of the world. What is working and what the needs of the Church are for the world in the 21st century. We now have the Bible enthroned in front of the Altar to remind us of the word.

+Trunk or Treat-very successful. A lot of children came that are not Parishioners and were asking the Knights about their ministry and asking other questions as well.

Next meeting will be November 17th

Mary Burns asked about donating some books in the foyers. She wanted to know what the protocol is for this. Fr. Bill asked her to please check with the office first before doing so. Some people have not asked to put items in the foyers before doing so.

Closing prayer-Fr. Bill