

**Our Lady of the Lake
Pastoral Council**

Minutes November 17, 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	Yes
Cristy McKinney	Yes
Jeff Reach	Yes
Brenda Rochford	Yes
Allen Ross	Yes

The meeting was opened with prayer by Debbie Gossett. Jeff Reach called the meeting to order. October's meeting minutes were read. A few changes were brought up: Cristy Mckinney's name was spelled incorrectly, the K of C prayer service is the 11th not the 18th of December, Finance Council met Oct 18th, and Synod was spelled incorrectly. The changes were made to the minutes and then approved.

Building Committee- Fr. Bill

-Bell Tower-Work has begun. Construction is scheduled to take 8 weeks depending on the weather.

-Columbarium-The Committee met Nov 11th. The Diocese now has a standardized contract for purchasing the rights to use the niches in a columbarium. The CFO of the Diocese has given permission to use money from our Building Fund Account with the Diocese to assist with financing the construction. The weekend of Jan 8th & 9th Doug Ross will make a presentation at each Mass about the Columbarium and how people can purchase space. The next weekend, Jan 15th & 16th we will begin selling rights to use the niches. After the first of the year, we will have a Building Committee meeting with the architect and contractor to get a formal bid on

the work. We will need Diocesan approval to begin construction. We should break ground in 2022.

Finance Council- Fr. Bill

-Cash & Reserve- As of Oct 31st we have \$8,595.26 in our checking account and in our Diocesan account we have \$613,595.95 which is an interest bearing account. Restricted Funds we have Misc. Funds=\$78,765.20 and this is for Social Concerns for Christmas giving program, utilities assistance, and other similar type programs. OLL Building Fund is an account we have at Metro Bank-\$122,205.36. This money was not moved to our Diocesan account because they thought we would already be under construction by now for the Bell Tower. Diocesan Building Funds-\$759,269.26-this is the monthly building fund collections and in Nov we got a contribution from the estate of Betty and Yolie for \$535,000.00 so after this it should put us at 1.3 million in this account.

-Summary of Income & Expense- This is for July thru October 2021- \$20,261.66 is from the Payroll Protection Plan which was a grant so it does not have to be paid back. This is not income. These moneys were to help with Covid related payroll expenses. Our income is above what we projected it to be mostly because of what we have in Social Concerns. Expenses are below what we budgeted for. Cash flow is positive.

-Finance Council will meet again January 17, 2022

Knights of Columbus-Bernie Funderburg

-Flag Retirement ceremony went well

-The K of C are smoking meats for the Parish Christmas Dinner

-Prayer Service December 11th- Would like to invite the youth to come

Latino Committee-Cristy McKinney

-They are bringing back some programs they use to do- Easter Baskets for the poor in the community, Bible study, and maybe some English classes.

-Would like to bring back Mass translation again.

Liturgy Committee-Fr. Bill

-The committee met on November 4th

-The following decisions were made:

*Change out the missalettes & hymnals Nov 26th

*Cheryl Robinson will set up the Advent wreath

*Susan Moseley and Jim Mathis have gotten commitments from parishioners to light the wreath during the weekend Masses

*Wed, Dec 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9am and 7pm

*Dec 12th is the Third Sunday of Advent and it also is the traditional day of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Masses that day will have to be the Third Sunday of Advent but to honor Our Lady, we will have a procession with a statue of Our Lady to begin the 8:30am Mass. Children will carry roses to present to her.

*Communal Penance Service for Advent will be Wed, Dec 15th at 7pm

*Fr. Bill will be available for individual confessions between the morning Masses on Sun, Dec 19th

*Christmas Mass Schedule: Fri, Dec 24th at 4:30 & 8:30pm, Christmas Day, Dec 25th 9am

*The Feast of the Holy Family will be Sun, Dec 26th. No Saturday Anticipated Mass on December 25th

*Saturday, Jan 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Because it falls on a Saturday, there is no obligation to attend Mass.

*Sun, Jan 2nd is the Feast of the Epiphany. We will have normal Mass

*Ash Wednesday is March 2nd

-Next meeting will be Jan 27th @6pm

Maintenance-Fr. Bill

-New carpet project was under budget. Carpet has now been replaced in the Church and the Hall.

-Area carpets for the sanctuary are still pending

-Spotlights in the sanctuary were changed out.

-A work crew cleaned up the yard at the rectory. Shrubberies and branches were cleared. (Jay, Bob, and Matt Allor)

Religious Education/Youth Ministry-Fr. Bill

-4 students came for Youth Group Nov. 17th

-Need to set a Confirmation date. Confirmation will not take place at Our Lady of the Lake. The Bishop has said that you need 25 or more to have Confirmation at your parish so we will possibly go in with Sacred Heart.

-1st Communion is 1st Sunday in May

Old Business

- Bell Tower- Talked about
- Columbarium- Talked about
- Blessing Box- Fr. Bill talked to someone at New Hope. He is wondering if doing a blessing box will have an impact on the Love Pantry. We need to figure out how to be a good partner with the Love Pantry.
- Crown for Mary- Bernie said the crown we are looking at does not come in the size we need. He ordered another crown instead to see how it will look on Mary. If we like it we will keep it.
- Bottled water drive going well.
- Pro Life Statue- It is at the foundry. We need to know the size needed for the base. A place has already been designated. 36 to 48 inches tall for the stand. The diameter of the base of statue is around 18 inches. Leslie will get us an exact measurement.
- Youth Ministry- Already talked about.

New Business

- The closing of the old rectory is scheduled for Tues, Nov 23rd at 1:00pm. The Bishop has all the paperwork at this time.
- Bernie Funderburg brought up the lack of solemnity before and after Mass. He asked if we could remind parishioners to go outside to talk before and after Mass so people can pray and reflect. Fr. Bill said that we could put this in the bulletin.
- Mary Burns asked Fr. Bill how old our Religious Ed curriculum is. We used what was required by the Diocese. This is a good question for Jim Mathis so maybe we can look into something new for next year. Fr. Bill will talk to Jim and to the Diocese to see if this is something we can update.
- Giving Trees- Trees going up this weekend. Tags going on after funeral Saturday. We are helping 33 families, 132 children total.
- Parish Christmas dinner will be Sun, Dec 12th

Our next meeting will be Wed, Jan 19th

Closing prayer- Fr. Bill