

Our Lady of the Lake
Pastoral Council
Minutes March 16, 2022

<u>Council Members</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 Bernie Funderburg. Jeff Reach called the meeting to order. February's minutes were read and approved.

Building Committee-Fr. Bill

-Bell Tower-Work on the stone/brick is complete. All that remains is the sign with exterior lighting on the side facing Hwy **231 (East side)**.

-Columbarium-So far we have 27 contracts signed. Information packets have been given to others. Deacon Serge will schedule a meeting with our Building Committee and the architect and the contractor. Date to be determined.

Finance Council-Fr. Bill

- Total other income/receipts are \$938,261.66. This is in part to the sale of the rectory and the Estate of Betty and Yolie.
- Total Capital Expenditures-\$192,714.51. This reflects taking the old rectory off and putting the new on the books.
- Operating Cash \$42,017.04. We actually only have \$25,000 and the rest is in reserve which will earn interest.
- Misc. Funds \$161,982.75 Social Concerns ad Columbarium sales. 10% needs to go into a separate account for care of the Columbarium. (\$8100.00)
- OLL Building Funds \$146,576.98. Have not been billed for the Bell Tower yet.

Knights of Columbus-Bernie Funderburg

- Fish Frys are down a little but they don't do them to make money but for the socialization.

Latino Committee-Cristy McKinney

- Have started gathering of Easter Baskets. They have recycled 28 baskets but the goal is 100. Someone in Birmingham is donating 50 baskets so they only need 22 more. There are baskets in the foyers for candy or small toys for donations.

Liturgy Committee-Fr. Bill

- The committee met on February 24th
- All the events for Holy Week and Easter were discussed.
- April 24th-Divine Mercy Sunday: Celebration from 2-3pm and 3pm the Chaplet will be said.
- May 1st- First Holy Communion @8:30 Mass

- May 8th-May Crowning following 8:30 Mass
- May 21st- Confirmation at Sacred Heart in Anniston
- May 22nd-High School Senior Recognition
- April 2nd Liturgical Minister Training Session
- A parish Bereavement Committee has been formed. An organizational meeting was held on February 25
- So far one volunteer for Altar Servers for the 8:30 Mass
- Next meeting will be March 24 @6pm

Maintenance Committee-Fr. Bill

- The seals on the West side of the RE building windows have been replaced.
- Bernie addressed some concerns about a tree that needs to come down near the Knights shed. The tree is dying.

Religious Ed-Fr. Bill

- Numbers are still down from the beginning of the year. The 5th and 8th grade classes are down to only 1 student each who consistently attends. 5th grade has been added to 6th and 7th grade due to lack of students and Catechists health issues.
- There are 5 First Holy Communion students and 5 Confirmation students. If the Knights or any other ministry need some helping hands the Confirmation students are in need of service hours.
- Youth Groups-After the 1st of the year we have started meeting again for Junior Youth Group for grades K-5. We currently have 5-6 children attending.
- Senior Youth Group grades 6-12 have started back with about 3 children attending regularly.
- Adult Study Group has also been introduced on Wednesday evenings at 6pm with about 6 adults who regularly attend.

-Food is currently being purchased for these groups but it has been discussed about parishioners taking turns preparing food for these evenings.

-Vacation Bible School-June 6-10th. Starting to gather volunteers and materials. Committees will be created for each function of VBS and will begin meeting in April.

Old Business

-Bell Tower- see above

-Columbarium- see above

-Bottled Water Drive-still active

-Pro Life Statue-Leslie was absent this meeting. No report

-BOGO Food Drive for Lent- Brenda will make baskets for each foyer with signs.

-Restoring the Legion of Mary- The weekend of March 26 & 27 we will have a speaker come and talk at all Mass's about the Legion of Mary. Thursday nights might be a good night to meet.

New Business

-Family Nights- Susan Mosely, Sarah Brazzolotto, and Bucky Funderburg would like to get this going again. Get a sense of Church family again since Covid. We could do this quarterly. Pot lucks, movie nights, game nights, etc. A committee will be formed to help with planning.

-Bernie Funderburg asked if we could purchase a sound bar for the TV in the Church Hall. Father Bill said that would be fine and Bernie will go to purchase this.

-Surf Siders will be starting back in April on the 26th

-Holy Thursday- Washing of the Feet-Bernie volunteered to have his feet washed from the Pastoral Council.

-Three of the Pastoral Council members are due to leave. Bernie Funderburg has said yes to remain. Also Debbie Gossett and Allen Ross have both agreed to stay on another term as well.

Our next meeting will be April 20, 2022

Closing prayer-Fr. Bill