

Our Lady of the Lake

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes October 19, 2022

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

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bernie Funderburg. The September Minutes were read and approved.

Building Committee-Fr. Bill

No update

Finance council-Fr. Bill

- Total contributions for the current year are higher than budget but less than prior year due to loan forgiveness in 2021.
- Operating Expenses are higher than budget for the current year and prior year expenses.
- For the current year Cash Flow is negative for the month and compared to prior year.
- Operating Cash Flow is positive for the current year and compared to prior year.

Knights of Columbus-Bernie Funderburg

- Next mtg. will be Oct 24th
- Will cook hot dogs and hamburgers for the Fall Festival

Latino Committee-Fr. Bill

- They are still doing the "Pilgrim Virgin" on the third Saturday of the month at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Attendance is low and dwindling. They had better attendance when they met in people's homes.
- A new "Latino Committee" needs to be formed. Most of the former members are no longer wanting to be involved. This is a goal for 2023.
- The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Monday, December 12th. At the last Pilgrim Virgin gathering it was discussed how to observe this day. Since there is no planning committee, it is difficult to plan. We talked about having a *Mananitas* either on Sunday evening Dec 11th or at sunrise on Monday the 12th. The *Mananitas* is a service of praying the rosary and singing hymns to Our Lady. It is followed by a "Continental Breakfast". Those who attend the Pilgrim Virgin meeting will try to pull something together.

Latino Committee continued

-Since the Adoration on the second Wednesday of the month is usually attend only by the Spanish speaking community, Fr Bill is considering having the Mass on that evening in Spanish. The other three or four Wednesdays of the month, the Mass would be in English.

Liturgy Committee-Fr. Bill

-The committee met on Oct 13th.

-Results of the Stewardship Fair: We have 4 new Ministers of Holy Communion, 3 new Lectors, 1 new Usher and 2 new Altar Servers. Ne new people volunteered for choir or cantor and there was no report about greeters.

-There are enough Lectors signed up for Saturday 5:00pm Mass to have 2 assigned for each Mass. This will start when the new schedule comes out in December. There is also enough Ministers of Holy Communion signed up to have 4 serve at the Sunday morning Masses. This will begin in December also.

-Candle lighters for the Advent Wreath: Susan Mosely will get volunteers for Saturday evening Mass and Jim Mathis will get volunteers for the Sunday Masses.

-First Saturday Mass attendance has been 25-35. We will continue in the new year.

-Stipend for Cantors was mentioned because we have been having trouble getting Cantors for Masses covered. This idea was brought up at a Pastoral Council meeting in the past. If the Cantors are paid, it will have to be through the Diocese of Birmingham payroll. Charmaine will contact the Cantors to see if they are interested.

-Attendance count: The Diocese is asking us to count Mass attendance for 4 weekends beginning October 22nd. The ushers will do this during the Liturgy of the Word.

-The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th

Maintenance- Fr. Bill

-It is believed the church was broken into overnight on August 19th-20th. Nothing was taken and there were no drawers left open. All doors were locked, but the lights were on. The Liturgy Committee recommended placing new cameras around the church and having new locks put on the doors. Jay Benson is pricing these changes.

Religious Ed-Fr. Bill

-There were about 40 in attendance at the Youth bowling night out. Great turn out.

-8th graders will be Confirmed with the 9th graders.

Old Business

-Leslie has the Mary statue but she is fixing her face. The Knights of Columbus need to make the base to put the statue on.

-Fence around the trash dumpster-Bernie is looking into this.

New Business

-Jeff Reach asked via email if we could install a light near the Grotto. We will not be able to do this because the Mary statue will be moved to the Columbarium and the Grotto will become parking lot.

-Someone asked if we advertise our Trunk or Treat in the community. We have several come from the community already. We don't think we really need to advertise.

-Corporation meeting- The report included Parish Statistics, Ministries/Outreach, Construction Projects, and Goals for the coming year. This report went to the Diocesan Office. Each church is now a Corporation and will provide this report every year.

Next meeting will be November 16th. There will be no meeting in December.

Closing prayer-Fr. Bill