

- August 2023
Meeting

Our Lady of the Lake

Pastoral Council

Council Members	Attendance
Father Bill Lucas	Yes
Mary Burns	Yes
Bernie Funderburg	Yes
Debbie Gossett	Yes
Meagan Price	Yes
Jeff Reach	Yes
Brenda Rochford	Yes
Allen Ross	Yes
Jorge Solis	Yes
Leslie Hutto	No

The meeting was opened in prayer by Jorge Solis. July minutes were read and approved.

Building Committee Report - Father Bill

Construction on the columbarium has begun on the southside of the church property. Concrete blocks are in place but it will be October before the niches arrive. The walls will then be bricked. The columbarium committee will meet to discuss how to sell spaces on the memorial wall. It says in the constitution that a columbarium board must be appointed to manage the columbarium. The committee has been acting in that capacity so they will

be appointed as the board.

Finance Council Report - Father Bill

Father presented the report for the end of our fiscal year. Total contributions are ahead of what was budgeted. We operated as a surplus. What we have in the bank and in diocesan reserves amounts to \$2.5 million dollars. Father said he will try to get Steven Reese to attend the council meeting to go over the budget.

Knights of Columbus - Bernie Funderburg

The Knights will have a prayer service Saturday Sept 9, 2023. They will have a clean up party on Saturday August 19 to clean the grills to get ready for the Labor Day Bar-B-Que sale.

Latino Committee /no report

Liturgy Committee-Father Bill

New Liturgical ministers schedule starts in September. A change will be made for 11:15 Mass to have only two ministers of Holy Communion instead of 4 since there are not enough volunteers. Deacon Lee has taken over the training and scheduling of altar servers. He is still trying to work out a training session for new altar servers. Deacon Terry said the doors have been propped open before the Saturday evening Mass. Father asked the ushers to keep the doors closed so the church can remain quiet for people to be able to pray .

Maintenance Committee - Father Bill

Interior of the church has been painted. The bell tower was once again struck by lightning so the old parts have been shipped off and new parts are on their way. We are working with contractors of the new neighborhood to help with drainage issues, but it is not a church problem.

Old News

Trivia Night was discussed with the question of a nursery being available. Jeff Reach is handling the logistics of the game and there will be a Taco Bar for food according to Brenda. Mary Burns volunteered to buy gifts for the winners. Brenda volunteered to take care of the tables. Father reminded us of the reason to have these events are for people to get to know one another.

Stewardship Fair Sept. 23rd & 24th / Parish Picnic September 24th

Stewardship Fair will be set up in hall. Bernie will hang the signs and Mary will handle table set up. Shelly will do sign up sheets. The Knights will cook burgers and dogs for the picnic. Debbie has large tent and dunking booth coming from ABCO rentals and a Bouncy House from Riverside Rentals. Father suggested that the Confirmation Class help with the set up on Sunday morning for one of their service projects. We have an updated

Pilgrimage to the Blessed Shrine

Mary Burns said she had contacted a bus company that priced a 10 hour trip for \$2250.00. She picked April 13th as a date to be able to get a price with a minimum of 15 people. She will check with several other bus lines that were suggested. 10% will lock it in. full refund 30 days prior to date. They have caterers for group of 15 or more. It was also suggested that we might carpool. She will check more things and report back to us.

Mission Statements Ideas

What needs do we see in our community that we should address by putting in time and energy. As Father Bill says, we need to see, contemplate and do. We have identified that we need to build community. We have addressed this by starting these monthly gathering such as Trivia night and taking a parish pilgrimage. We work with other churches in our area. We help with utility bills. The Love Pantry helps with food. After covid we need

to rebuild our Latino community. We need to keep our eyes and ears open to the needs around us. According to Father, we have more of a mental health problem in this area rather than a drug problem. He has tried to open up our facility to needs in the community. So far we have one group, dementia support group that meets in our hall.

Next meeting will be September 20th

Closing Prayer - Father Bill