

Minutes

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Council

August 21, 2013

Meeting Called by Bit Thomaston

Members:	Attendees:	Guests:
Monsignor Michael Sexton	Y	Rodney Martin
Bit Thomaston	Y	Sonia Dale
Bucky Funderburg	Y	Sonya Lewis
Scott Denton	Y	John Bryant
Gloria Rodgers	Y	
Julie Smith	Y	
Karen Hand	Y	
Paul Boyle, Jr.	Y	
Serge Brazzolotto	Y	
John Stice	Y	

Mission Statement: "As witness to the love of Jesus Christ, our parish commits to be a more active and compassionate faith community."

- I. **Opening Prayer:** Scott Denton opened the meeting with prayer.
- II. **Minutes Approved from July Meeting:** Minutes were approved by Gloria Rodgers and Paul Boyle, Jr. and they were second by Karen Hand.
- III. **Youth Ministry:** Sonya Lewis spoke to the parish council members regarding the upcoming Fall Festival at Our Lady of the Lake on October 27th. She is looking for fresh ideas for the festival. She stated that a lot of our parishioners would like for the Bingo game to remain. She is also hoping for more attendance from our parishioners. Bit Thomaston asked that maybe having the Trunk or Treaters stationed around the games to bring everything together and not scattered out. Someone had suggested a dunking booth and also bringing back the cake walk. Sonya will look into possibly contacting Deb at Celebrations on the cost of renting out some of her items for the festival. Bit Thomaston thanked Sonya for all that she does for the children at our parish.

Stewardship Fair/Fall English Class: Sonia Dale spoke to the parish council members regarding the upcoming stewardship fair on September 28th and September 29th. She is in need of help for setting up that Saturday morning. Please contact Sonia Dale if you would like to help. She asked if the parish council members would wear name badges so other parishioners would recognize them. Our newest ministry is the Ladies Auxiliary. Julie Smith asked that the other ministries would update their member contact list.

The ESL classes have been successful. They had seven members and six members that came regularly. They will start the classes back on September 12th at 6:00pm-7:00 or 7:30pm and it will be for 10 weeks. Any age of adults seeking to learn to speak English are welcome. Mari Culver will be available all the time to help. They are in need of volunteers. Please contact Mari Culver or Sonia Dale if anyone is interested in helping with this class.

Parish Website: John Bryant has volunteered his time to become our Webmaster for our website. He came and spoke to the parish council members in regards to updating and changes that he has made to the website. It was suggested that all ministries have their own website. John could create a hyperlink in the church's website that would take you to the desired ministry. If this were to happen, guidelines would need to be created to ensure the privacy of others. Ministries would be in charge of their own website by being able to update information and list upcoming events that are happening within their ministry. Serge had suggested that this is not something to rush into and that we can vote on this at another time. Bit commented that the important thing is that all ministries need to be more informative. Last month, Karen spoke about having a link on the church website to submit donations to our church or certain church activities. John stated that if a link was created, this would become more of a business website, and it was suggested that we table this for now. Monsignor Sexton agreed that the Finance Committee will need to look into this for the future. Mr. Bryant was thanked for all the hard work that he has done to create a wonderful website for our parish.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Maintenance/Building

Rodney Martin spoke to the Parish Council members in regards to his report. This report can be found in the church office. He stated that he is monitoring the water because the city had double-billed the church. He mentioned that any incidents or accidents that happen on the church grounds need to be reported to the church office.

B. Religious Education

Parma Boyle submitted a report and this can be found in the church office. The parish council reviewed the report.

C. Finance Committee

A report was submitted and reviewed by the parish council. Monsignor Sexton stated that July and August contributions were low but this is usually the case during the summer months. It should pick up in September.

D. Knights of Columbus

The knights donated the Monstrance in honor of Jim Gregg.

V. Old Business

- A. **Ann's New Life Center:** Raised \$2,024.00 from the yard sale. The Knights cooked hot dogs/hamburgers and donated 100% of their proceeds. Jeff Smith sold a huge Pitney Bowes postage machine on e-bay for \$1,200.00. It was donated by Union State Bank. Jeff and his crew picked that up along with some scrap metal and got \$70.00 for it. The total for all is \$3,294.00 and climbing. Their banquet will be held on October 3rd at 7:00 at First Baptist Church. The speaker will be Bob Foust from the Pro Life Coalition. If anyone would like to volunteer or if anyone knows of someone that would make a good table host, please contact Sonia Dale, Robert Lewis, or Sharon Stice.
- B. **Our Lady of the Lake Yard Sale:** Brenda and Sharon are working hard on getting the yard sale items. The yard sale will be held on September 6th and September 7th. Knights of Columbus agreed to cook for the yard sale. All proceeds will go to the Social Concerns Committee.
- C. **New Member Welcome Reception:** Only three new families out of eleven came to the reception. Parish council members thank everyone who came. Our next new member reception will be held next quarter on a Wednesday night.
- D. **Visitor Cards:** Edgar Solis worked hard on making the new member visitor cards bilingual. We thank him for his hard work. Gilreath Printing is in the process of printing these cards that will be used for our welcome tables, and parish events.

VI. New Business

- A. **Council Retreat:** The retreat will be held on October 19th from 9:00-1:00. Lunch will be provided. Sister Marie Leonard will be the facilitator for the retreat.
- B. **Parish Council Contact List:** Every member of the parish council updated their contact information.
- C. **Election of Officers for the Parish Council:** President-Bit Thomaston, Vice President-Bucky Funderburg, Secretary-Julie Smith.

VII. Closing Prayer: Monsignor Sexton closed with prayer.

Next Meeting: October 16th, 2013

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