

Minutes Our Lady of the Lake Parish Council

November 20, 2013 Meeting Called by Bit Thomaston

Members:	Attendees:	Guests:
Monsignor Michael Sexton	Y	Rodney Martin
Bit Thomaston	Y	James Raynor
Julie Smith	Y	
Serge Brazzolotto	Y	
Bucky Funderburg	Y	
Gloria Rodgers	Y	
Scott Denton	Y	
Paul Boyle, Jr.	Y	
John Stice	Y	
Karen Hand	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:** John Stice opened the meeting with prayer.
- II. **Minutes Approved from October Meeting:** Minutes were approved by Bucky Funderburg and Scott Denton seconded them.
- III. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Maintenance Report:** Rodney Martin submitted his report to the parish council members and this report may also be found in the church office. He informed the council members of a major power line that caught part of the woods on fire. The fire department was notified. A gas line was blown and there was minimal damage from this. Gas lines and the gas valve were replaced. Scott Denton asked if the church would be receiving a bill from the gas problem and Rodney mentioned that if there wasn't a fault, the gas company usually takes care of the situation. Mr. Martin noted that the tree clearing is almost complete. Rodney also mentioned that the water bill has been resolved with the city.
 - B. **Knights of Columbus:** James Raynor spoke to the council members. He stated that the KOC's next meeting is Monday at 7 p.m. Anna Emerick has asked the KOC for their help

with the Christmas Dinner. The Knights asked if they could put up banners in front of the church that says, "Keep Christ at Christmas". The Parish Council and Monsignor Sexton agreed that it would be fine to have these banners posted outside. John Bryant has headed up a poster contest for the kids to create. The theme is 'Keep Christ at Christmas'. On Sunday, November 29th at the 8:30 mass is the Knights of Columbus mass. Monsignor Sexton emphasized to James that the Knights of Columbus need to show for the mass. He stated that he was upset to see only three members from the KOC show up the last time they had a mass for them. Monsignor mentioned that it makes no sense to have a mass for the KOC if nobody from the KOC show. Wednesday, December 11th is Lady of Guadalupe and the Knights will help with this celebration.

- C. **Religious Education:** Parma submitted her report and it can be found in the church office.

IV. Old Business

- A. **Inactive Catholic Committee:** Monsignor Sexton wants the list of candidates resent to him.
- B. **Welcome Weekend:** We will try out two weekends a month and see how it goes. Bit stated that she has enough people signed up to do a weekend for the entire year. The first welcome weekend will be held on December 15th.

V. New Business:

- A. **Parish Council Retreat:** Monsignor asked the council members if they enjoyed the retreat. Sister Marie Leonard is an excellent speaker. The council members agreed that this is something that should be held once a year right after council elections. Monsignor stated that being on the council is a ministry for the church and not a job but a gift. This is also a commitment that should be made.
- B. **Parish Council Goals:**
- Better Communication: Karen asked if we can have more communication between committees. We all agreed upon having another reception and inviting the head members of the different committees to join. The council members should be given quarterly reports. John Bryant is working on putting committees online with hyperlinks. We will have a reception in January after a Wednesday mass. Monsignor Sexton stated that it would be great to have them come in and let us know what is going on in their committee.
 - Welcome Weekends: Our first welcome weekend will be held on December 15, 2013.
 - Revision of Council Constitution/By-Laws
- C. **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** This is the last weekend for the food drive. Mike and Kitty Gordon have done an excellent job with the Love Pantry. Monsignor stated that it would be nice to hear from them and see how things are going.
- D. **Christmas Party:** Contact Anna for food for the Christmas Party. The Party will be held on December 1st at 12:30. Giving tree is about to start. Martha and Sharon are putting it together. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers for donation. There is also a box in the foyer for candy for the parade.

VI. **Closing Prayer**-Monsignor Sexton closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting will be held on January 15, 2014