

Minutes

Our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Council

March 25, 2015

Meeting Called by Julie Smith

Members:

Monsignor Michael Sexton

Julie Smith

Mark McRae

Gloria Rodgers

Karen Hand

Serge Brazzolotto

Carl Rochford

Stephen Reese

Beth Brouillette

David Springer

Attendees:

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Guests:

James Raynor

Jim Morteck

Peter Boyle

Mike and Kitty Gordon

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:** Julie Smith opened the meeting in prayer.
- II. **Minutes Approved from January Meeting:** Karen and Stephen approved the minutes.
- III. **Committee and Ministry Updates:**

- A. **Thanksgiving Food Drive – Mike and Kitty Gordon:** Report was provided and can be found in the office. A folder with all of the information from the last six years regarding this project was provided as Mike and Kitty stepped down. We thank Mike and Kitty for their continuous effort to make this project a success. Jim and Sonia Dale will coordinate the Thanksgiving Food Drive this year.
- B. **Youth Group – Peter Boyle:** Between 12 to 20 kids are coming to each meeting. During January the youth group participated in the March for Life, some of the members went to Washington D.C. and others went to the march in Birmingham. In April they will be meeting at 5 pm for the Holy Hour and once a month they will have a social night. Peter

wants to increase the attendance to the Holy Hour at OLL. For June they will probably have a canoe tournament and support Ann's New Life Center. In addition, the group will participate in some community projects for elderly people such as cutting their grass, helping them with the yard work, etc. Also, they could participate in some service projects here in the church. Peter wants to take some of the Junior and Senior students to the National Conference of Youth (NCY) which take place every other year. He also asked for prayers and encouragement for the youth group. Peter asked for permission to do a level pad and plant grass in the new property. He would like to have a field to do outdoor activities with the youth group. Members of the Parish Council will consider his request.

- C. Knights of Columbus:** The KOC thanked everybody for participating in the fish fry during lent. There is only one more fish fry left. James remind us that the money raised during the fish fry will be use for the High School Scholarships. Each year the KOC give a \$500 and \$1000 scholarship to a senior(s) of our parish. KOC are now accepting applications. The evaluation is performed by another KOC Council typically the one from Anniston. The KOC will cooked hamburgers and hot dogs during the yard sale for Ann's New Life Center. The yard sale will take place April 11, 2015.
- D. Finance Report- Jim Mortek:** A report was submitted and can be found in the office. Jim mentioned that there is a concern regarding the Building Fund and Social Concerns fund. Those two funds are now taxable by the dioses. The Building Fund will continue paying taxes until a formalized plan is approved by the parish and diocese. For the Social Concerns Fund, the funds should be kept separate from regular income. Money raised by the Social Concerns Group should be used by Social Concerns. Currently the parish pays 12% tax to the diocese. Some of the taxes paid for money of the Social Concerns Fund will be refunded by the diocese.
- E. Maintenance-Rodney Martin:** Rodney was not presence at the meeting. However, Father Sexton mentioned that there wasn't major changes in the maintenance during the last month.
- F. Catholic Outreach – Deacon Serge:** The committee is making progress. The team is working pretty well. They started the Catholic Comes Home program in Lenten Season by putting a banner along Hwy 231 and it is also in the Daily Homes Sunday Newspaper. The ad will be in the newspaper for a month several times a year.

IV. New Business:

- A. Pastoral Council Elections – Jim Dale:** Elections are coming up. We need three people to be part of the nominee committee. People in the nominee committee should be people that know the parish. One person should be one of the pastoral council members who is leaving the council. Deacon Serge volunteered to be part of the committee. We still need to find two more people. The elections will take place during mass on May 16 and May 17, 2015.
- B. Guidelines for use of Parish Hall – Rodney submitted guidelines and we will discuss this further at April's meeting.**

- C. **Land Annexed into the City:**The new property was annexed to Pell City. Therefore, the new construction will have fire protection, sewer and water provided by Pell City. We thanked Deacon Serge for his help in this matter.
- D. **Church Directory:** Life Touch will take photos. Date set for June 10, 11, 12 and 13. Sign up will begin in May. Brenda Rochford is helping to set this up.

V. **Old Business:**

A. **Pastoral Council Goals:**

Welcome Cards: After a lot of thought and prayers, the members decided not to do the "welcome cards" so the mass will run smoothly. Father will keep welcoming visitors but will not use cards.

Karen talked one weekend in February during all of the masses to invite people to participate more in the committees. Nobody has contacted her to sign up. However, her speech was very nice and uplifting.

Stephen mentioned that the Lenten Mission went well. A lot of people participated all three days.

- B. **Vote on Smoking Ban on Church Grounds or a solutions:**The parish council member decided to create a designated area for smoking. The smoking area will be located by the KOC shed. Sign of "Smoking is not allowed" will be posted by the doors.

VI. **Closing Prayer:** Monsignor Sexton closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting will be held on April 22, 2015