

Minutes

Our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Council

April 22, 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

Rodney Martin

Joe Stanley

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:** Stephen Reese opened the meeting in prayer.
- II. **Minutes Approved from March Meeting:** Karen and Gloria approved the minutes.
- III. **Committee and Ministry Updates:**
 - A. **Knights of Columbus:** The next meeting will be Monday April 27, 2015. The KOC are still looking for candidates for their Senior Scholarship program. James asked for permission to have the BBQ sale during Memorial Day Weekend. The KOC will start cooking the meat on Thursday May 21, 2015. This is one of their largest fundraisers for the year.
 - B. **Maintenance-Rodney Martin:** Rodney thanked everybody for their prayers and cards. He is glad to be back. Also, the ice machine is out of service at this moment but there is an ice chest. Ice should be brought and stored in the ice chest during the events. The existing ice machine is getting too expensive to repair and maintain. Also, there are some condensation issues at the church building that will be addressed soon. Serge will cut the grass of the new property within the next few days.

IV. New Business:

- A. Policy for Parish Hall:** Every member of the pastoral council will received a copy of the guidelines for review. Any comments will be addressed during the meeting in May. In addition to the policy regarding alcoholic beverage will be address during that meeting. The guidelines were prepared by Rodney.
- B. Reactivate the Building Committee:** In order to avoid paying taxes for the building fund, a construction plan should be submitted and approved. The building committee is in the process of being reactivated to prepare the master plan for the new property.

V. Old Business:

- A. Smoking Policy:** Julie suggested to start putting announcements in the church bulletin about not smoking near the buildings and also to mention it during masses. Father suggested putting some temporary signs at the hall doors indicating that smoking is not allowed within 50 feet of the building. Smoking will be allowed only in the designated areas. A designated area will be located near the KOC shed area.

- B. Pastoral Council Goals:**

Carl went over each of the goals. Members of the parish council continue welcoming new people during masses. Karen had the most new faces welcomed for the group during the month of March.

Stephen reminds us that adult education is scheduled for April 26, 2015. Adult religious education is scheduled once a month and it has been a great success. Deacon Terry does an excellent job in preparing and presenting the topics.

Karen is planning on having a Stewardship Poster Contest for elementary and middle school student and a speech contest for the high school students. The contests will start in September.

Sign-up sheets and announcement for the new Church Directory will be available in the foyers soon. Please remember to sign-up to get your family picture done and invite others to do the same. It is team effort. Julie reminded everybody that the members of the pastoral council will be helping Brenda Rockford with the new church directory.

VI. Upcoming Events:

First Holly Communion: 10 kids will receive their First Holy Communion on May 3rd. Please keep the kids and their teachers in prayers.

Confirmation: Confirmation will take place Monday May 11, 2015 at 7 pm. There will be a reception organized by the Hospitality Committee after the mass. Everybody is welcome.

Pastoral Council Elections: The elections for the new members of the Pastoral Council will take place the weekend of May 16th - 17th.

VII. Closing Prayer: Monsignor Sexton closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting will be held on May 20, 2015