

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2024

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
FATHER BILL LUCAS	YES
MARY BURNS	NO
BERNIE FUNDERBURG	YES
DEBBIE GOSSETT	YES
MEAGAN PRICE	NO
JEFF REACH	YES
BRENDA ROCHFORD	YES
ALLEN ROSS	YES
JORGE SOLIS	YES
PAUL THOMAS	NO

The meeting was opened in prayer by Jorge Solis. Previous month's minutes were read and approved.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT- Father Bill

The new Building Committee has been formed. They will meet on Sept. 24th to begin the process of planning the next phase of our construction. They will come up with a capital campaign after they meet with the architect.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Father Bill

Accounting error, which has been corrected, put columbarium funds into the building fund account causing the building fund account to be negative for July and August. There is 1.6 in the building fund account. The Diocesan deposit & loan account has about 800,000.00. We have a total of about 2 million. We have to have ½ of money before we start to build so there will not be a long delay to begin construction waiting for pledges to come in to cover the balance of construction. Collections continue to be good. Our expenses are below what was budgeted.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS - Bernie Funderburg

The Labor Day BBQ sold out. The prayer service held on Sept 14th went very well. They are all ready to cook for the parish picnic.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE- Father Bill

The television in the parish hall that shows the live feed from the church is being replaced. The cost will be around \$373.00. John Bryant will hook it up. The copier in the RE building will be replaced. The Parish sign has been painted. Some of the wood is rotting and will be repaired by Larry Keel's company at no charge. Jay Benson will move the piano.

LITURGY COMMITTEE - Father Bill

The committee met on Sept 12th. Several items were discussed including reviewing the Stewardship Fair and training sessions for liturgical ministers. They also said there was a problem with communication for the people needing to know when they served. Training for altar servers was set for Sept 29th during RE. They will have an updated server manual. They also discussed having a Parish Mission for Lent 2025. Their next meeting will be on Oct. 24th.

RELIGIOUS ED

The need for Catechists has been filled. At least 31 children attended the first class on Sept. 8th. We have more than that signed up. Sacramental schedule will be set up.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Directory - Brenda Rochford said they had to open a 4th day for appointments for the parish directory. Mary Burns said that the pilgrimage to Ava Maria Grotto has been set for Dec 14th. We will start publishing the information about the trip.

New Business: Father Bill

Catholic Charities is coming up. The report for our deanery states that we have the highest goal of the deanery. Our participation rate was 36% which is about 3 times what it is in the diocese. Jorge Solis reported that the Young Catholic Professionals group in Birmingham that he is president of is going very well. The attendance was about 50 with the goal being around 80. They draw people from all over.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2024

Opening Prayer - Allen Ross

Closing Prayer - Father Bill