Our Lady of the Lakes

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

September 16, 2019

Location: St. Januarius

Members Present: Ann Paige, Sharon Peck, Jeanne Underhill, Lou Tyrrell, Patsy Lentz, Darwyn Jepsen, Pat Halferty, Jim Lindner, Tim Hebding, Fr. Leo, Fr. George

Members Absent: Trisha Wilber, Marty Reynolds

Guests: Patty Larzelere, Tom Murphy

Opening Prayer: Fr. Leo

Minutes: The August minutes were accepted as written.

Agenda: The September agenda was accepted as written.

Quick Check: - Reminder from Ann to reach out to people to ask them to help with various projects.

- St. Theresa’s: the decree has been posted at the worship sites - must be posted for 10 days. There is someone interested in purchasing the property.

- CMA: theme is “I am the vine, you are the branches.” This money will be used to help parish and diocese to run; cannot be used to settle abuse cases. Remind people that the parish has to make up the difference.

- Fr. Leo pointed out there are no guarantees in the bankruptcy filing - the lawyers and judge make the final determination.

- Stewardship: The message from parishioners on Sept. 14 & 15 was excellent. The Stewardship meeting emphasized tithing and electronic giving. There will be information about electronic giving at the Oct. 19 & 20 masses. Tim Moniot will be available to help people sign up if they wish to. There needs to be information to help people understand tithing and second collections. Moving towards eliminating school, cemetery and buildings & grounds second collections.

- Annual Retreat: Nov. 2 from 9 am to 2 pm at Cobblestone Springs. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Regional Pastoral Council forum. More information will coming, including which session OLOL members will attend.

- An article on “Becoming a Welcoming Parish” was handed out.

- Ann reminded people to stay active on various subcommittees or join one if not already committed.

- Patty said a video presentation on Evangelization will be held Oct. 5 from 8:30 am to 4 pm at St. Jan’s.

Mission Statement: After some discussion, the following mission statement was decided upon:

*We have come together in our common faith as God’s Holy People. Strengthened by the Word of God and nourished by His sacraments, we go forth in faith to love and serve one another.*

The mission statement should be on the cover of the bulletin and maybe included with the Stewardship Prayer in the Missalettes. It should be recited at the end of Mass. It should be read at the start of Parish Council meetings and perhaps other committee meetings. This will be discussed more at the October Council meeting.

Name Tags: Price will be around $250 for 1000 name tags. A mix of clips and lanyards will be ordered. The design still has to be decided.

Alpha Program: There is a strong emphasis on prayer. Fr. Leo would like to start this in the spring. It will be discussed more at the October meeting.

Member Comments: Help is always appreciated for the Naples Grape Festival.

Fr. George is holding Spanish Masses in October on Sunday evening. See bulletin for more information.

**Agenda items: Go to alpha.org/catholic and watch Alpha 1 & 2 to become familiar with the program.**

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**Name tags**

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. with a prayer from Fr. Leo.

The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 pm at St. Mike’s.

Respectively submitted,

Connie Murphy

Recording Secretary