

Lourdes Parish Council, Oct. 5, 2022

Members present: Will Jerome, Rosalyn Carter, James Craig, Geri Jones, Amy Fogle-Stiff, Lee Hopewell, Clarissa Phelps, Dan Heckel, Deacon Mike, Father Pat, Father Joe.

Absent: Freda O'Bryan

Meeting began at 6:14 p.m.

Opening prayer led by Amy.

Minutes of the Sept. 7, 2022, meeting were approved without changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report

Finance: Dan Heckel reported that the August financial report showed that Day Care income was way below budget. This was due to awaiting approval from the fire marshal. That approval is complete, and more children will be added in October, with maximum capacity by November. Clarissa asked if the income would catch up? Rosalyn said it is expected to. Regular collections were \$22,000 below budget in August, making us \$50,000 below budget for the first two months of the fiscal year. Expenses were at budgeted levels.

Picnic: No report.

Liturgy: No report

Stewardship: Geri Jones asked the picnic committee to discuss combining the fall cook, block party and picnic into a fall festival in October. The June Picnic would be just a drive-through cook and we would keep the raffle with that event. Lee Hopewell said he liked the idea and would bring it up to the picnic committee when next it met.

Geri reported that the Stewardship drive was going to be this fall, but Father Pat suggested it be moved to late January or early February, which would give Catholic Schools and parents more time for the voucher to be done. Phil and Kim Haire hope to educate the parish about stewardship.

Safety: James Craig informed the Council about an incident of a man wearing scrubs who entered the church during the first reading at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sept. 24. He stood there during the readings and the homily. He eventually left, but not before making parishioners uncomfortable. The Safety Committee discussed options of how to prevent someone from causing harm at Mass, but it wanted Parish Council discussion. Several options were discussed – including locking the doors after Mass began, or hiring a constable for each Mass. Lee Hopewell said in the past there was discussion of training enough people to know how to intervene that there would always be someone at Mass with training. Father Pat suggested having Deacon Ken and two other police officers in the parish, Michael Davis and Houston Babbs, join the Safety Committee and make a recommendation.

Day Care: Didn't meet. The day care received a grant of about \$19,000 in March to bring it up to a 5-star level, which offers the chance for more money from the state. The decision on how to spend the money was for security cameras (\$3,779), better drainage for the playground (\$7,760) and a new fence (\$8,000).

Building/Grounds: Will Jerome said the cost for security cameras to cover every part of campus, including the priest house and the inside of church, was \$5,300. They will monitor the property 24/7 and have three months of backup. The diocese recommends we get the cameras. It should also lower our insurance. The money is budgeted. Will made a motion to approve the purchase and it was approved unanimously.

Faith Formation/Education: Clarissa submitted a report by Robin Murphey. She encouraged participation in "Living a Eucharistic Life as Missionary Disciples" parish ministry conference on October 22, 2022. She also urged participation in the Community Faith Formation at Lourdes on the second Wednesday of the month.

Social Concerns: Amy has five people interested and has scheduled a meeting for Nov. 1, 2022.

Priest report: Father Pat said the priests who serve as consultants to the bishop are elected from different age groups. They are going to begin gathering with their age groups again for social and spiritual connections.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deacon Mike asked if anyone has asked about problems with the internet service for the live streaming Mass? Will said we have Spectrum and the service is bad.

Block Party: Will made a motion to spend up to \$750 from the Buildings and Grounds budget to cover expenses for the block party. It was approved unanimously. Each committee was encouraged to staff a trail of treats booth. We will ask parishioners to donate candy.

Money counters: Amy said we need more people to count the collection money on Sundays. Rosalyn said she and two other people who have done it for several years had retired, because it had become too time consuming. Father Pat suggested all those involved discuss why the process has become more complicated.

Closing prayer: Lee Hopewell read the Memorare.

Meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.