


Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: November 20, 2014 – St. Mary's, Presque Isle

	<p>2014 - 2015 Pastoral Council Officers</p> <p>President Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p>Chair David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p>Vice-Chair Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p>Secretary Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>We, the members of the Parish of the Precious Blood, believe we have been called by God to use our time, talent and treasure to serve God and his children. We seek to be a community of faith, hope and love in union with the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Empowered by the Eucharist, we are dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus taught by the Roman Catholic Church through prayer, worship, sacraments, education and service. We renew our dedication to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, attempting always, in all things, to love as Jesus loves.</p>	<p>Attendees: <i>Bob LeBlanc</i>, Holy Rosary; <i>Betty Thompson</i>, Sacred Heart; <i>Cheryl Bolstridge</i>, St. Catherine; <i>Irene Ellis</i>, St. Denis; <i>Dave Caron</i>, St. Joseph; <i>Sue Dugal</i>, St. Louis; <i>Ann Hall</i>, St. Mark; <i>Norm Johnson</i>, St. Mary; <u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u> <i>Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie</i> <i>Fr. Ray Morency</i> <i>Janet Beckwith</i> <i>Michael Lagasse</i> <i>Stella Carlstrom</i> <u>Other Parishioners:</u> Barb Caron, George Montee, Jim Savage, Carl Gallagher, Tom Goetz</p>		
Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:00 PM. An opening prayer was offered by Fr. Labrie.		Fr.Labrie		
Minutes	<u>Motion:</u> Bob LeBlanc made the motion to accept the <u>Minutes of September 18, 2014 as written.</u> <u>Seconded by</u> Irene Ellis. <u>Motion carried.</u>		Dave Caron		

Old Business

<p>Secretary</p>	<p>All were very thankful & grateful for the 5 years plus that Sue Dugal served as Secretary to the Pastoral Council.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie appointed Barb Caron to serve as Secretary of the Pastoral Council. He stated that the Commissions will be responsible to forward a short report, preferably no longer than one page to the Chairperson.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		
<p>Visioning Reports:</p>	<p>Tom Goetz: See attached Report Sue Dugal: See attached Report</p>	<p>Dave would like to see the reports e-mailed to him by Monday of the scheduled week that we are meeting.</p>	<p>Dave Caron</p>		
<p><u>Highlights of Visioning:</u> All Agreed Jim Savage Carl Gallagher George Montee Norm Johnson Cheryl Bolstridge Janet Beckwith All Sue Dugal Jim Savage George Montee Bob LeBlanc Cheryl Bolstridge Dave Caron</p>	<p>Discussion followed from the council and from the other parishioners who attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of the Holy Spirit was powerful • Worship sites coming together to share faith • Sharing as Pope Francis calls his people to do • Vision of Parish Life was presented • Ability to connect a name to a face • Compelled to come & share with council • Where do we go from here • Get message out – Develop communication protocol • Great Testimonies – easy to relate to • Publish the results to our website • E-mail to the 850 addresses accumulated • Use Flock Notes – message from our priests • Act now • Communicate – establish culture • Unity was found – energy generated • Future meetings – from the 5 Committees • Establish Parish Wide Directory • Participants’ list is a great resource • Holy Rosary has seen an increase with their Church Council Membership – from 6 to 12 • Dynamic Catholic Book – have more available • E-mail Participants showing appreciation/support <p><u>Motion:</u> Irene Ellis made the motion for the Chairperson to e-mail each participant to show appreciation and to thank them for their participation. <u>Seconded:</u> Norm Johnson. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Fr. Labrie – Our Task is to bring it together with a ‘Can Do’ attitude!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Goetz, Sue Dugal, Jason Parent – Excellent job • A real need: Family Life & Church Life • Will talk with the team & find 2 Reps from each group – form a nucleus • We came together as one • Amazing to see two sessions (Nov. 1, Nov. 8); have the same concerns & insights • Momentum was really good • We need to be a link to the new volunteers • Strengthen Families at each worship site • Encourage volunteers • All participants were concerned & engaged • Be involved - Make it happen • Always a challenge – Communication • Multiple facets – phone, texting, E-mail most beneficial • Come together to do leg work; do not cut off creativity • Keep in mind that out of 26 young families who were invited to participate, 4 responded • How do we do more – <u>communicate</u> • We are together more than we realize! 	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

Storm Policy	<p>Betty Thompson was concerned if notice of cancellation of mass would leave plenty of time to notify the parishioners of the mass cancellation.</p> <p>Janet stated that NOAH issues a hazardous weather warning and at that time the decision is made as to whether a cancellation is necessary.</p> <p>Some churches have created a Phone Tree; Sue is willing to e-mail a copy of St. Louis's Phone tree to anyone who would like to use her format.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Norm Johnson: To accept the Storm Policy as proposed. <u>Seconded:</u> Bob LeBlanc. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie will make the decision when to cancel mass; a call will be made to each site by 12 noon on Saturday. Sunday obligation remains; travel on Rt. 11 is always an issue during a storm.</p> <p>Dave accepted the 3:00 p.m. opening on Sunday for St. Joseph's in Mars Hill when cancellation occurs on Saturday.</p>	Fr. Labrie		
New Business					
Keeping the Faith	<p>Janet Beckwith shared that the 'Keeping the Faith' talks at each church site need to remain as the same message. Do not change the language of the talk.</p>				
Carl Gallagher	<p>Introduced himself as a candidate to the Deaconate Program – the Council welcomed him.</p>				
Commission Reports					
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	<p>No Report:</p>		Sr. Mary Kelley		
Worship & Spirituality	<p>Lynn Pelli not present; Norm Johnson – New Co-Chair for Worship & Spirituality shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase regulations was accepted – names assigned as contact reps • Mass schedules for lent were hashed out • Fr. Kyle passed out posters - Advent Evening of Reflection to be put up at each site 		Lynn Pelli Norm Johnson	Informa- tional	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to welcome the public & make it as visible as we can Journeysongs (Hymnal/Missal) – Ribbons to locate the Cycle, Readings, Songs, Order of the Mass etc. would be a great asset to the parishioners Mike Lagasse will check and see what the cost would be for a bulk order <p>Irene Ellis shared that Fr. Kyle is offering different Advent talks at each worship site; a tremendous asset to our faith sharing.</p>				
Faith Formation Commission	<p>Corey Morin – Not Present</p> <p>Stella Carlstrom: See Report</p>	See Attached Report	Corey Morin Stella Carlstrom	Informational	Ongoing
Church and Family Life	No Report – Sue Dugal shared that she would be willing to chair this Committee				Ongoing
Pastoral Report					
Pastoral Report		Our time for this meeting was concentrated on the Visioning session.	Fr. Labrie		
Other Business					
Next Meeting					
Review Parish Calendar		Next Meeting: Date: January 15 @ Holy Rosary, Caribou - 6:00 PM	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with a closing prayer.				