Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of: March 10, 2016 - St. Mary's, Presque Isle



2016 Pastoral Council Officers

President

Father Jean-Paul Labrie

Chair

David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)

Vice-Chair

Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)

Secretary

Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)

Mission Statement

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.

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.

Attendees - Members

Bob LeBlanc, Holy Rosary;

Sacred Heart;

St. Catherine;

Cathy Bowker,

St. Denis;

Dave Caron,

St. Joseph; St. Louis;

Sue Dugal,

St. Mark;

Chris Grover,

St. Mary;

Debbie Cyr,

St. Theresa;

Corrine Routhier, Our Lady of the Lake;

Wayne Gagnon,

Our Lady of the Lake;

Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:

Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie Janet Beckwith Michael Lagasse Stella Carlstrom

Other Parishioners:

Sandra Soucy, Dan Lalonde, Barb Caron

Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:00 PM. Fr. Labrie opened the meeting in prayer.		Fr.Labrie		
Minutes		Motion: Bob Leblanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of January 21, 2016 as read. Seconded by Chris Grover. Motion carried.	Dave Caron		

Old Business				
Pastoral Membership Poster	It was the consensus of the Pastoral Council that our Pastoral Life Coordinator, Janet Beckwith did a great job with the Pastoral Membership Poster.	Pastoral Membership Poster to be posted on the Parish of the Precious Blood bulletin boards at our ten worship sites.	Pastoral Council Members	
Parish Picnic	Our Lady of the Lake, Portage - Wayne Gagnon Rain: the use of a tent as a possibility.	Location: Portage Lake Pavilion Tentative Date: June 5, 2016	Our Lady of the Lake - Portage	Ongoing
Endowments	Chairperson, Dave Caron shared the following: 1) The Finance Council Chairperson, Mark Bouchard welcomes the input from the Pastoral Council to be part of this ongoing effort to raise monies to increase our Endowment to fund our future ministries. 2) We do not have a goal set as to how much we want to raise, but the basic work of setting up an Ad Hoc Committee is complete. At this time, we need the involvement of more parishioners and the involvement of our Pastoral Council. 3) Dave shared that we have 3 Endowments at this time that total around \$98,648.61. We are not required to be experts in this field, Elizabeth Badger from The Catholic Foundation of Maine is well qualified in setting up donations or leaving a legacy to our endowments. 4)) Mike Lagasse, Business/Bookkeeping Coordinator, supported what was being stated by Chairman, Dave Caron. Mike also shared that 4% interest received on an endowment worth a million dollars or more would be a great asset in funding our future ministries. 5) Tom Goetz, chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee is looking for at least one or two parishioners from each church site to be on this committee.	Chairperson, Dave Caron is seeking members of the Pastoral Council to join the Ad Hoc Committee and to communicate with fellow parishioners to donate to our Endowment or to leave a Legacy to the Parish of the Precious Blood. Mike Lagasse, Business Coordinator also stated that Endowments and Legacies serve more than one purpose: Helps the future of our Parish and helps the donor/family with personal taxes and to achieve their desire to donate to the future of the Parish of the Precious Blood. Anyone can give and any amount can be given. If you want to join the Ad Hoc Committee or know of someone who would like to join please contact: Dave Caron or Mike Lagasse Motion: Wayne Gagnon made the motion to accept the involvement of the Pastoral Council Members on the Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by Bob Leblanc. Motion carried.	Finance & Pastoral Council - Ad Hoc Committee	Ongoing

2017 Budget	Chairperson, Dave Caron shared the following:	Chairperson, Dave, shared that it is important for the	Pastoral	0	Ongoing
	1) The Finance Council does a great job in the formation	Pastoral Council to be involved in the budget process for the Parish of the Precious Blood.	Council Members		
	of the budget. 2) The Pastoral Council is asked to become involved in the formation of the budget; to offer input and to make sure that all our commissions have the monies to run their commissions smoothly and successfully.	Important for the Chairpersons of each Committee to know what their budget is and to offer input. It is also important that they have a copy of their budget.			
	3) This year our budget is running in the black; great job by our Finance Council and by all.	It is the norm of the Diocese of Portland that the final budget approval will be passed by the Pastoral Council.			
		Fr. Labrie stated that it is important to make sure that this info is passed on to the Pastoral Council Members. The budget process is a way to familiarize oneself to the budget and how it is formed. The budget process would require your input during the months of April, May and June. It is now time for the Pastoral Council Members and the Commission Chairs to participate. The Finance Council is looking to be of service to each of the commissions.			
		Motion: Wayne Gagnon made the motion to table the involvement of the Pastoral Council Members in the formation of the budget process till our next meeting. Seconded by Bob Leblanc. Motion carried.			
		Fr. Labrie reminded the Council that the budget formation will be completed by the time we hold our next Pastoral Council meeting.			
Bulletin Boards	Sue Dugal, Chairperson of Church & Family Life Commission stated that her committee is wondering if all sites have bulletin boards visible to the parishioners.	Please post: Pastoral Membership Poster, Contact List, Schedules and other parish information pertinent to the worship of our liturgy.	Sue Dugal, Church & Family Life Commission		

Commission Rep	orts			
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	Fr. Labrie, President Coordinator & Contact Person: Danielle Langille	No Report	Fr. Labrie	
Worship & Spirituality	Lynn Pelli, Chair - Chairperson Norm Johnson, Co-Chair	*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Worship & Spirituality - Lynn Pelli	Lynn Pelli,	Informational
Faith Formation	Corey Morin, Youth Minister	*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Youth Ministry - Corey Morin	Corey Morin	Informational
	Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom	*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom	Stella Carlstrom	Informational
Church and Family Life	Sue Dugal, Chair Communication Facilitator: Jim Savage Strengthening the Family Facilitator: Rena Lagasse Sharing the Faith Facilitator: Cathy Bowker Internal Hospitality Facilitator: Michelle Hersey External Hospitality Facilitator: Nancy Saucier	*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Church & Family Life - Sue Dugal	Sue Dugal	Informational
Pastoral Report				
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Brief Reports	Fr. Labrie shared that the Brief Reports of each of our Commissions is a great asset.	Brief Reports by our Commissions: being able to read these reports in writing is greatly appreciated. Helps us to be more informed and enables us to communicate with our church sites on what is happening.	Fr. Labrie	Informational
Communication Staff Person		 Fr. Labrie decided not to create a new position. Fr. Labrie has decided to restructure our existing employee positions and to work with the people we have. It is clear that all communication needs to happen at one place. The Communication Person is Janet Beckwith and 	Fr. Labrie	Informational

	Janet Beckwith, Pastoral Life Coordinator, shared that she will seek the help & involvement of the Church & Family Life Commission to help tweak and streamline the Church Bulletin. Janet also shared that the info on our church's web site has been successful by the collaboration of many including Parish Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom and Business/Bookkeeper Coordinator, Michael Lagasse. Chairperson, Dave Caron shared that he is glad that all worked out. He definitely backs up Fr. Labrie's decision and is sure that Janet Beckwith will do a great job.	this added assignment will begin July 1, 2016, the beginning of our new budget year. Her added responsibilities will include the Church Bulletin and the Web Page on the Diocese's Web Site. 5) Kim Theriault, Administrative Assistant at St. Mary's will have new responsibilities as well. Her new responsibility will include being a support person to our Parish Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom. Better communication will only happen by doing the following: 1) All information to be forwarded to our 10 worship sites will have to be received/given in a timely manner. This should be shared with each of our commissions. 2) Local publicity will be the responsibility of local parishioners. The structure to carry out the duties of			
Year of Mercy	Holy Doors	this info will rest upon each church site. Holy Doors are open - St. Luce Church, Frenchville, St. John Church in Bangor, St. Peter & St. Paul in Lewiston and at the Cathedral in Portland.	Year of Mercy	Informational	
Parish Pilgrimage	Plenary Indulgence Parish Pilgrimage: Worship & Spirituality is working on the set up of	Plenary Indulgence: to receive a Plenary Indulgence upon visitation of the Holy Doors at St. Luce Church in Frenchville or at the other 'Holy Door' sites the following must be met: 1) Reconciliation/Confession 2) Holy Communion 3) Willing to pray for the intention of the Holy Father 4) To be completed within 7-10 days before/after visitation.			
. ngrimaye	 Worship & Spirituality is working on the set up of this pilgrimage. Representation of our Catholic Organizations such as, Knights of Columbus, Lady's Groups, Acts, etc is greatly encouraged. Visual Representation: Banners of various groups, uniforms to represent their clubs. Fr. Kyle is working on a registration process, to have a head count to better meet our needs. 	Pilgrimage - Tentative Date: Sunday, September 11, 2016 - St. Luce Church, Frenchville, Mass - 2:00 p.m. Gather at Community Center for lunch. Fr. Labrie will plan to have an explanation (from the pulpit & bulletin) of what is happening and to schedule Penance Services to meet the needs of our parishioners in August before setting out to our Pilgrimage.	Fr. Labrie & Worship & Spirituality Commission		Ongoing

Other Business							
Memorial Mass & Yearly Barbecue	Debbie Cyr asked Fr. Labrie to reserve the following Sunday for their yearly barbecue & Memorial Mass.	St. Theresa's Stockholm will be having their annual barbecue and Memorial Mass on July 3, 2016.	Debbie Cyr	Informational			
		Worship sites will be asked to participate once again in the Memorial Mass by acquiring mass intentions from various church sites as established last year.					
On Line Donation	Mike Lagasse once again shared that on-line donations are easy to do and very secure.	Go to - Parish Website Locate - Donate Now Select - We Share On Line Giving	Mike Lagasse	Informational			
	You will have a choice of Weekly Donation, Gift Appeal & Endowment Giving.	Confirmation - e-mail will confirm your donation and the amount of your donation.					
Budget Reminder	Chairperson, Dave Caron reminded the Pastoral Council Members to think about serving on the Budget Committee which would consist of 3 to 4 meetings during the formation of the budget by the Finance Council.		Dave Caron		Ongoing		
Next Meeting							
Calendar	Next Meeting:	Date: Thursday, May 19, 2016 - Holy Rosary, Caribou @ 6:00 p.m.	Dave Caron				
Adjournment	Adjournment - 7:15 p.m in prayer.						