

**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**

<i>Bob LeBlanc,</i>	Holy Rosary; Sacred Heart; St. Catherine;
<i>Cathy Bowker,</i>	St. Denis;
<i>Dave Caron,</i>	St. Joseph;
<i>Sue Dugal,</i>	St. Louis;
<i>Chris Grover,</i>	St. Mark; St. Mary;
<i>Debbie Cyr,</i>	St. Theresa;
<i>Corrine Routhier,</i>	Our Lady of the Lake;
<i>Wayne Gagnon,</i>	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		<b><u>Motion:</u></b> Bob Leblanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of January 21, 2016 as read. <b><u>Seconded</u></b> by Chris Grover. <b><u>Motion carried.</u></b>	Dave Caron		

**Old Business**

<p><b>Pastoral Membership Poster</b></p>	<p>It was the consensus of the Pastoral Council that our Pastoral Life Coordinator, Janet Beckwith did a great job with the Pastoral Membership Poster.</p>	<p><b>Pastoral Membership Poster</b> to be posted on the Parish of the Precious Blood bulletin boards at our ten worship sites.</p>	<p><b>Pastoral Council Members</b></p>		
<p><b>Parish Picnic</b></p>	<p>Our Lady of the Lake, Portage - Wayne Gagnon Rain: the use of a tent as a possibility.</p>	<p><b>Location: Portage Lake Pavilion</b> <b>Tentative Date: June 5, 2016</b></p>	<p><b>Our Lady of the Lake - Portage</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Endowments</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Anyone can give and any amount can be given.</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p><b><u>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.</u></b></p>	<p><b>Finance &amp; Pastoral Council - Ad Hoc Committee</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

**New Business**

**2017 Budget**

Chairperson, Dave Caron shared the following:

- 1) The Finance Council does a great job in the formation 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.
- 3) This year our budget is running in the black; great job by our Finance Council and by all.

**Chairperson, Dave, shared that it is important for the Pastoral Council to be involved in the budget process for the Parish of the Precious Blood.**

**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.**

**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.

**Pastoral Council Members**

Ongoing

**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 Reports					
<b>Social Justice &amp; Peace: HOPE</b>	Fr. Labrie, President Coordinator & Contact Person: Danielle Langille	No Report	Fr. Labrie		
<b>Worship &amp; Spirituality</b>	Lynn Pelli, Chair - Chairperson Norm Johnson, Co-Chair	<b><u>*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Worship &amp; Spirituality - Lynn Pelli</u></b>	Lynn Pelli,	Informational	
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Corey Morin, Youth Minister	<b><u>*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Youth Ministry - Corey Morin</u></b>	Corey Morin	Informational	
	Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom	<b><u>*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom</u></b>	Stella Carlstrom	Informational	
<b>Church and Family Life</b>	<u>Sue Dugal, Chair</u> Communication Facilitator: Jim Savage <u>Strengthening the Family</u> Facilitator: Rena Lagasse <u>Sharing the Faith</u> Facilitator: Cathy Bowker <u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Michelle Hersey <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier	<b><u>*See Attached Report - 2016 March 10 - Church &amp; Family Life - Sue Dugal</u></b>	Sue Dugal	Informational	
Pastoral Report					
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<b>Brief Reports</b>	Fr. Labrie shared that the Brief Reports of each of our Commissions is a great asset.	<b>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.</b>	Fr. Labrie	Informational	
<b>Communication Staff Person</b>		1) Fr. Labrie decided not to create a new position. 2) Fr. Labrie has decided to restructure our existing employee positions and to work with the people we have. 3) It is clear that all communication needs to happen at one place. 4) The Communication Person is Janet Beckwith and	Fr. Labrie	Informational	



Other Business					
<b>Memorial Mass &amp; Yearly Barbecue</b>	Debbie Cyr asked Fr. Labrie to reserve the following Sunday for their yearly barbecue & Memorial Mass.	<b>St. Theresa's Stockholm will be having their annual barbecue and Memorial Mass on July 3, 2016.</b>	<b>Debbie Cyr</b>	Informational	
<b>On Line Donation</b>	Mike Lagasse once again shared that on-line donations are easy to do and very secure.  You will have a choice of Weekly Donation, Gift Appeal & Endowment Giving.	<b>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.</b>	<b>Mike Lagasse</b>	Informational	
<b>Budget Reminder</b>	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.	<b>Go to - Parish Website Locate - Donate Now Select - We Share On Line Giving Confirmation - e-mail will confirm your donation and the amount of your donation.</b>	<b>Dave Caron</b>		Ongoing
Next Meeting					
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Date: Thursday, May 19, 2016 - Holy Rosary, Caribou @ 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dave Caron</b>		
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjournment - 7:15 p.m. - in prayer.				