

Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of: January 15, 2015 – Holy Rosary, Caribou



**2014 - 2015
Pastoral Council Officers**

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Father Jean-Paul Labrie

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David Caron
(St. Joseph – Mars Hill)

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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:

Bob LeBlanc, Holy Rosary;
Betty Thompson, Sacred Heart;
St. Catherine;
Irene Ellis, St. Denis;
Dave Caron, St. Joseph;
Sue Dugal, St. Louis;
Ann Hall, St. Mark;
Norm Johnson, St. Mary;
Debbie Cyr, St. Theresa;
Our Lady of the Lake

Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:

Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie
Fr. Kyle Doustou
Janet Beckwith

Other Parishioners:

Barb Caron, George Montee,
Tim Sturzl, Janette McBurnie

Visitor: Mary Caron

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:00 PM. A reading & reflection from the Gospel of John was shared by Fr. Labrie.		Fr.Labrie		
Minutes	<u>Motion:</u> Norm Johnson made the motion to accept the Minutes of November 20, 2014 as written. <u>Seconded</u> by Bob LeBlanc. <u>Motion carried.</u>	The present format of attaching reports from different ministries and commissions to the minutes was accepted.	Dave Caron		

Old Business					
Visioning Reports:	<p>Dave stated that our Visioning Project has emerged into the need of establishing and reviving the Church and Family Life Commission.</p> <p>He stated that at our Nov. 20, 2014 meeting Sue Dugal had volunteered to be chairperson of this important committee. By Dave's appointment of Sue as chairperson; the Pastoral Council ratified his action.</p> <p>Motion: Irene Ellis made the motion to accept Sue Dugal as the Chairperson of the Church & Family Life Commission. Seconded: Norm Johnson. Motion Carried. Sue accepted graciously.</p>	<p>Fr. Kyle has put out an invitation to the whole parish to meet on January 20, 2015 (6:30 pm - Holy Rosary) to come together to share the riches of our Catholic faith by helping our families flourish, to energize our community and to revitalize our parish.</p> <p>Sue will put out e-mails to the participants of Visioning and other interested parties to join them at this meeting and to collaborate with Father to place this plan forward; to revive and renew the Church & Family Life Comm.</p> <p>There are sites such as St. Mark's that have re-activated their Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	Sue Dugal		Ongoing
New Business					
H.O.P.E. Report:	<p>Tim Sturzl made a presentation on H.O.P.E. and on the need for all of us to come together to help those in need. Donations for the auction are always welcomed. All the profit from this auction will go to H.O.P.E. He also shared that they are planning to put together an International Dinner fundraiser later this summer. Please see his attached report and graph of the 2012/2013 budget.</p>	<p>Annual Auction - April 25, 2015 at Holy Rosary Church followed by hors-d'oeuvres.</p> <p>Meeting February 10, 2015 at 4:00 pm - Holy Rosary Tim asked that presentation of each church site attend this meeting.</p>	Tim Sturzl		Ongoing
Commission Reports					
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	Under New Business - H.O.P.E Presentation by Tim Sturzl.		Sr. Mary Kelley		
Worship & Spirituality	<p>Lynn Pelli not present; Norm Johnson – Co-Chair for Worship & Spirituality shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large attendance at our meeting - parish sites were well represented. • Mass schedules for Lent & Easter were passed out. The inability to provide services to all church sites created concern to the sites with no mass schedule during Lent and Easter. • Lynn asked that we pray about our roles as parishioners and to put ourselves in the role of our priests. Our ten worship sites are not just buildings but that the people make up our Churches. 	<p>A bulk shipment of palms will be directed to Holy Rosary in Caribou. Irene Ellis is looking at two different places to order; selecting the best offer to place the order.</p> <p>Fr. Kyle will offer 'Lenten Reflections' at St. Joseph's in Mars Hill, St. Mark's in Ashland, St. Catherine's in Washburn, and St. Louis in Limestone. He will also do a 'Walk Through Mass' location not yet decided. Dates and time of these Lenten activities to be announced.</p> <p>Each church site will try to raise funds to purchase a new St. Francis Paschal Candle which will be lit at the Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary in Caribou. Fr. Kyle would like to have a representative of each worship site to take part in this</p>	<p>Lynn Pelli Norm Johnson</p> <p>Fr. Kyle</p>	Informational	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norm Johnson also shared that when we are down to two priests that things will become even more difficult; we need to pray about this situation. He also shared that Fr. Kyle did an excellent job in bringing the council together and back on track. Fr. Kyle shared that we are Missionary Priests; and our parishioners are Missionary People. We have shared responsibilities. We are asked to sacrifice and to compromise. 	<p>ceremony; a symbol of passing on the New Light to each worship site.</p> <p>Extraordinary Ministers' Training Session will take place January 31, 2015 at St. Mary's in Presque Isle from 9:00 am to 12 noon; for those ministers who missed the first session.</p>			
Faith Formation Commission	<p>Corey Morin (Youth Minister) – Not Present</p> <p>Stella Carlstrom (Parish Catechetical Leader) - Excused</p>	<p>See Attached Report - Jan 2015</p> <p>See Attached Report - Jan 2015</p>	<p>Corey Morin</p> <p>Stella Carlstrom</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
Church and Family Life	<p>Sue Dugal appointed as Chairperson</p>	<p>Under Visioning Report : Page 2</p> <p>Meeting: January 20, 2015 - 6:30 pm - Holy Rosary</p>	<p>Sue Dugal</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
Pastoral Report					
Pastoral Report	<p>Fr. Labrie shared that Fr. Ray will be retiring this coming July. Our cluster is faced with a challenge and we may have to make adjustments in the near future. We are faced with a drainage of parishioners and our people are constantly moving to find better jobs; and some of our elderly are relocating to be closer to their families.</p> <p>Father is hoping that Bishop Deeley will offer us a replacement; most likely this will not be possible. A large geographical area offers many good things and Father expressed that we have a wonderful place and he loves the challenge of his ministry.</p> <p>In the future, we will have to make adjustments to our mass schedule if we remain with just two priests. Do we look at a Seasonal Calendar for some church sites?</p> <p>It is important to make use of each church site even when the priest is not available to be there for worship. Our worship sites are places of a community of faith. We need to keep our worship sites alive!</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie stated that it is permissible to have Extraordinary Ministers to hold Liturgy of the Word and to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie will seek direction from the diocese on what can be done with Sunday celebrations in the absence of the priest.</p> <p>A handout of the Mass Schedule with two priests was distributed; we as a council are asked to reflect on the changes that may come about and to offer suggestions at our next meeting. See attached Mass Schedule - (2 Priests) - Jan 2015</p> <p>Three distinctive things that create a Community of Faith - A Community of Worship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>Worship</u> - coming together to share faith: Eucharist, Liturgy of the Hours, Devotions, Recitation of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc. 2) <u>Faith Formation</u> - for kids but also important for adults Faith Sharing Groups - not just at church but also in your homes; create opportunities to come together. 	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	Worship is Eucharist; but we need to take advantage of other ways of bringing people together. Your faith can be kept alive without having a priest present.	3) <u>Social Action</u> - Reach out to the poor and needy Reach out to the homebound; important to connect with the isolated parishioners due to illness and old age. Visit, send cards or make a call.			
Other Business					
	George Montee shared that his wife has distributed material to make ribbon dividers for our Journeysong Missals. These were distributed at the Worship & Spirituality Comm. meeting. Members of the W&S Comm. shared that they are very well done and will be a great benefit. Thank You! Mary Caron shared that this meeting is just wonderful and the message being put forward to reach out to the elderly really touched her. All churches face challenges; we are all a Christian Family!	Debbie Cyr will pursue setting up a Memorial Mass Fundraiser during Mother's Day and Father's Day; people will be able to sign up to have a mass said for a special member or intention at \$5.00 per sign-up. This will occur at her parish site at St. Theresa's in Stockholm. Fr. Labrie asked her to coordinate the mass intentions ahead of time so it will not interfere with memorial masses to be scheduled and that the funds collected have to be designated for a particular commission. He also asked that she report back to the council on the outcome.	Debbie Cyr	Informational	Ongoing
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Next Meeting:	Date: March 19, 2015 @ St. Mary's, Presque Isle - 6:00 PM	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with a closing prayer.				