

Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of: May 19, 2016 - Holy Rosary, Caribou



**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;
Dr. Jim Savage, Holy Rosary;
Betty Thompson Sacred Heart;
 St. Catherine;
Cathy Bowker, St. Denis;
Dave Caron, St. Joseph;
Sue Dugal, St. Louis;
Chris Grover, St. Mark;
Leah Girardin St. Mary;
Debbie Cyr, St. Theresa;
Corrine Routhier, Our Lady of the Lake;

Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:

Janet Beckwith
Stella Carlstrom
Lynn Pelli

Other Parishioners:

**Sandra Soucy, Jason Desneiges,
 Barb Caron**

Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:10 PM. All present recited the Discernment Prayer.		Council Members		
Minutes		<u>Motion:</u> Bob Leblanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of March 10, 2016 as read. <u>Seconded</u> by Debbie Cyr. <u>Motion carried.</u>	Dave Caron		

Old Business

<p>2017 Budget</p>	<p>Chairperson, Dave Caron, opened the discussion to The Pastoral Council Members about becoming involved with the budget process of the Finance Council. As discussed at our March 10 meeting, council members were asked 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. He asked for two members to represent the Pastoral Council and preferably that the Chair of the Pastoral Council be one of them. Dave expressed that our commissions & Chairperson of the Pastoral Council should have a budget to follow and to have an opportunity to express their needs of their expenditures for the coming year.</p> <p><u>Concerns of the Council Members were as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are we duplicating the work of our councils. Doesn't a budget already exist for our committees. Don't we already know what we can spend. Isn't the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council separate entities that operate individually & equally. <p><u>Other Council Members expressed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important for our committees to know what their budget consists of. At our church site, we are often told that there is no money; for example - the purchase of flowers. Because of not knowing and having to pay for items ourselves, we have lost some volunteers that are much needed. We have had fundraisers for a specific need and when we needed the money for that need, we are told that the monies went into the general fund. If we had a budget, we could plan what we can do and perhaps engage fundraisers to meet our needs. 	<p>The following Pastoral Guidelines set by the Diocese of Portland were read by Chairperson, Dave Caron:</p> <p>#12. In this diocese, the pastoral council is asked to approve the annual budget because of the serious impact it may have on the life and the mission of a cluster and to ensure that it is sufficient to support that mission.</p> <p>#13. There may be subcommittees or commissions of the council, either one of each or several of each for the various churches in the cluster. Typically, these subcommittees/commissions may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.1 Evangelization & Catechesis 13.2 Worship & Spirituality 13.3 Family Life 13.4 Justice & Charity 13.5 Stewardship & Church Life <p>The Chair entertained a motion to have 2 people from our Pastoral Council be present at the formation of the budget process of the Finance Council and to seek to have a budget available for our commissions and subcommittees. He also stated that he would like to have the Chairperson be one of those persons. Dave stated that he and Bob Leblanc have attended meetings of the Finance Council and that these guidelines have been discussed with their Chairperson Mark Bouchard, also with our present Business Manager, Mike Lagasse and with Father Labrie. After further discussion, a motion was presented.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Debbie Cyr made the motion that the Chairperson of the Pastoral Council do whatever needs to be done and to look into getting budgets for our Pastoral Commissions & Subcommittees. Seconded by Bob Leblanc. 8 Council Members voted, 1 opposed - Cathy Bowker. Motion carried. (Chairperson, Dave Caron did not vote.)</p>	<p>Pastoral Council Members</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
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<p>Parish Picnic</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Lake, Portage - Council Member, Corrine Routhier shared that the planning of the Parish Picnic is well under way. Chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers are on the menu. Salads and extras will be provided by Our Lady of the Lake. There will be live music and an open house to Our Lady of the Lake Church.</p>	<p>The Parish of the Precious Blood Annual Picnic June 5, 2016 - 2:00 pm Portage Lake Centennial Pavilion, 33 West Rd.</p> <p>*See Attached Report: 2016 May 19 - R.S.V.P. Form to be passed out at all church sites and returned before Sunday, May 29. (Place in Collection Basket)</p> <p>Please bring non-perishable food items as a donation to Catholic Charities.</p> <p>Poster of event was e-mailed to Council Members to be printed and posted on their bulletin board for each church site.</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Lake, Portage</p>		
<p>Parish Pilgrimage 'Holy Doors'</p>	<p>Lynn Pelli, Chairperson of the Worship & Spirituality Commission was present and mentioned that there was a lot of enthusiasm from the Commission at their May 17 meeting. Many decisions were made and accomplished as you will see from the minutes of that meeting. Fr. Labrie will also send out a Letter of Invite to the various nursing homes and boarding homes. This will give an opportunity for the infirm to attend if the activities' director can provide transportation and if they decide it is feasible for their residents to attend.</p>	<p>Sunday, September 11, 2016 St. Luce Church, Frenchville Mass at 2 or 3 pm (time to be finalized by Fr. Labrie)</p> <p>Lunch at the Frenchville Community Center - 343A, US 1, Frenchville - 12:00 - 1:30 Hospitality & Cold Lunch to be set up by Church & Family Life Commission - Chair, Sue Dugal</p> <p>*Please see attached minutes under the Worship & Spirituality Commission.</p>	<p>Worship & Spirituality Commission</p> <p>Church & Family Comm Sue Dugal</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>New Business</p>					
<p>Smart TV/Bulletin Boards</p>	<p>The idea of using a Smart TV as an electronic board was discussed and determined to be too expensive.</p>	<p>The use of Bulletin Boards will remain; Smart TV too expensive.</p>	<p>Church & Family Life Comm. - Chair, Sue Dugal & Communication Person, Janet Beckwith</p>		
<p>Weekly Parish Bulletin</p>	<p>Church & Family Life Commission Chair, Sue Dugal stated that there were over 200 respondents; many responded on line. Most desired a simpler format. After viewing various weekly bulletins from various parishes, we have decided to go with the bulletin modeled after the parish in Bangor.</p>	<p>* See attached Report 2016 May 19 - Bulletin Revision (A sample of a Revised Weekly Bulletin using March 13, 2016 - Parish info was circulated to view.)</p> <p>The Pastoral Council decided that it was best not use extensive color. This would keep the cost down; the basic color format will remain the same.</p>			

<p>September Elections</p> <p>Budget Report:</p>	<p>Chairperson, Dave Caron shared that he will be contacting members to be part of a Nomination Committee to make contact with various Council Members to serve as officers of this Commission.</p> <p>Due to illness, Business Mgr., Mike Lagasse was unable to attend and give his report.</p>	<p>There will be 8 pages to our bulletin - 6 pages for our use and 2 pages for ads.</p> <p>The Parish Directory page will alternate with the Group Meeting Schedule - whatever setup best serves our need.</p> <p>The Memorial Ads will be included as well as the Sanctuary Light - Prayer Intentions.</p> <p>Postings to be included by various church sites should include a start & stop date.</p> <p>Nomination Committee will seek Council Members to serve as officers of this Commission; namely for Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary.</p> <p>Debbie Cyr volunteered to be on this Nomination Committee, other members will be contacted.</p> <p><u>Motion: Debbie Cyr made the motion to table the Budget Report till the next meeting. Seconded by Bob Leblanc. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Nomination Committee</p> <p>Business Mgr., Mike Lagasse</p>		<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Commission Reports</p>					
<p>Social Justice & Peace: HOPE</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie, President</p> <p>Coordinator & Contact Person: Danielle Langille</p> <p>Other Contacts: Ruth Gahagan, Anita Dickenson, Dot Cyr and Helen Bubar</p>	<p>No Report</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		
<p>Worship & Spirituality</p>	<p>Lynn Pelli, Chair</p> <p>Norm Johnson, Co-Chair</p>	<p>*See Attached Report - 2016 May 19 - Worship & Spirituality - Lynn Pelli</p>	<p>Lynn Pelli,</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>Faith Formation</p>	<p>Corey Morin, Youth Minister</p> <p>Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom</p>	<p>*See Attached Report - 2016 May 19 - Youth Ministry - Corey Morin</p> <p>*See Attached Request - 2016 May 19 to Help Sponsor a Youth/Convention - Corey Morin</p>	<p>Corey Morin</p>	<p>Informational</p>	

Church and Family Life	<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	*See Attached Report - 2016 May 19 - Church & Family Life - Sue Dugal	Sue Dugal	Informational	
Endowments		*See attached Report - 2016 May 19 - Ad Hoc Committee/Endowments	Tom Goetz	Informational	
Pastoral Report					
Pastoral Report		Fr. Labrie was absent and unable to render a Pastoral Report. <u>Motion:</u> Sue Dugal made the motion to table the Pastoral Report till our next meeting. Seconded by Bob Leblanc. Motion carried.			
Other Business					
Memorial Mass Envelopes		St. Theresa's Stockholm - Memorial Mass - July 3, 2016. Memorial Mass Envelopes were passed out by Debbie Cyr to be distributed at each church site. Cost per intention is \$5.00	Debbie Cyr	Informational	
Pilgrimage - St. Anne De Beaupre	Janet Beckwith shared that Fr. Alex would like to see parishioners participate in a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec. A Canadian bus line will be used and Registration can be made on line or by calling 498-2536. Seats 52 passengers.	*See Attached Flyer - 2016 May 19 - St. Anne de Beaupre - Pilgrimage Flyer Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre: August 1, 2, & 3 Fr. Alex & Fr. Labrie will be making this pilgrimage.	Fr. Alex	Informational	
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Next Meeting:	Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016 @ St. Mary's in Presque Isle at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place if a quorum of 6 members will be in attendance.	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	Adjournment - 7:46 p.m. - An Our Father concluded our meeting in prayer.				