

Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: January 26, 2017 - Holy Rosary Church, Caribou



2016 - 2017
Pastoral Council Officers

President
 Father Jean-Paul Labrie

Chair
 David Caron
 (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)

Vice-Chair
 Dr. Jim Savage
 (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;
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;
 Our Lady of the Lake;

Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:

Fr. Jean Paul Labrie,
Mike Lagasse, Stella Carlstrom,
Lynn Pelli, Dot Cyr

Other Parishioners:

Jim Savage, Barb Caron

Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	Chairperson, Dave Caron led us in prayer with all sharing on the Word of God.	The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Caron, at 6:00 PM.	Dave Caron		
Presentation	Once again, for the benefit of any new member or visiting parishioner, chairperson, Dave Caron presented clarification on the following by-laws for all to follow: Each church site has 2 representatives - 1 primary member and 1 alternate member.	Who is able to vote and make a motion during our meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Members Vote. • Primary Members Make Motions. • In absence of the Primary Member the Alternate Member will vote and make motions. 	Dave Caron		

Minutes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All present have the option to ask questions, share their thoughts and opinions; including non members. <p><u>Motion:</u> <i>Bob Leblanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of November 17, 2016 as read. Seconded by Debbie Cyr. Motion carried.</i></p>	Dave Caron		
Old Business					
W & S	<p>Chairperson of Worship & Spirituality - Lynn Pelli</p> <p>Vice Chairperson, Dr. Jim Savage shared that the items chosen by the W&S Commission for the Etiquette Insert are excellent; a great tool to re-educate each other.</p>	<p>Church Etiquette Insert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create an awareness of reverence for the space we worship in. A 2 Sided Page will be inserted in Jan. 28's Bulletin Bi-fold Brochure on Etiquette will be made available February 11 & 12. 'Did You Know' short write-up will be placed in the bulletin explaining various topics of interest; steering us toward proper etiquette within our worship sites. 	Lynn Pelli		
New Business					
Mission Statement		<p>Chairperson, Dave with the recommendation of Father Labrie, has formed an Executive Committee consisting of 4 people to come together to create and revise our Mission Statement for the Pastoral Council. Once they come up with some idea, it will be presented to the Pastoral Council for discussion.</p>	Dave Caron & Executive Committee		Ongoing
Training	<p>Cathy Bowker, member of the Pastoral Council, felt that there is a need for yearly training for our Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word.</p>	<p>It was the consensus of the Pastoral Council to make the Worship & Spirituality Commission aware that training for the Extraordinary Ministers and Ministers of the Word should occur on a yearly basis.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> <i>Leah Girardin made the motion to recommend to the Worship & Spirituality Commission to look into conducting yearly training for Ministers of the Word and for Extraordinary Ministers. Seconded by Debbie Cyr. Motion Carried.</i></p>	W&S		

Commission Reports

<p>Worship & Spirituality</p>	<p>Companion Saints: Chair of Worship & Spirituality, Lynn Pelli made the following presentation:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment from W & S</u></p> <p>Church Bulletins:</p>	<p><u>Companion Saints - Selecting A Saint - Allowing A Saint to Choose You:</u> Chairperson, Lynn Pelli, and the W&S Comm. is looking for approval and direction from the Pastoral Council to set the first weekend mass in January as the time for choosing our Companion Saint.</p> <p><u>Bulletins Passed Out After Mass:</u> Chairperson, Lynn Pelli also shared that the W&S Comm. would like to have the bulletins passed out after the end of mass. Each site would be responsible as to the timeframe of having this task completed.</p> <p>The following motion occurred adopting the 2 top concerns of the Worship & Spirituality Commission:</p> <p><u>Motion: Chris Grover made the motion that in order to unify all 10 worship sites in the selection of Companion Saints, the selection of Companion Saints will occur the first weekend in January. Each church site will move toward switching the distribution of bulletins at the end of the mass/service instead of when people enter the church building. Seconded by: Bob Leblanc. Motion Carried.</u></p>	<p>W&S Chair, Lynn Pelli</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>Faith Formation</p>	<p>Parish Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom mentioned the following in her report:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on Faith Formation</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcing weekly lessons by using games and activities as a tool is beneficial. • "The Catechist's Guide to Reading Your Bible" is an at home program for catechists to enable them to make use of the Bible in their lessons. • An adult program for parents will be offered in the fall at Holy Rosary & St. Mary's while kids are in class. The program is called, "One Faith, One Lord." • Church councils at Holy Rosary & St. Mary's will be approached for help in fundraising for our program. The burden of fundraising has fallen on the teachers; help is needed to pull off the bigger fundraisers that occur. 	<p>Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader</p>	<p>Informational</p>	

<p>Youth Ministry</p>	<p>Director of Youth Ministry, Corey Morin, mentioned the following in his report:</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on Youth Ministry</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in JH/HS Youth Ministry remains level. • New youth are attending at the request of a friend. • Journey Retreat was a success. • Opportunities for our Catholic youth to gather together: March 5, Middle School Rally in PI at the KC Hall & on March 25, a Winter Regional gathering for our HS youth. • 9 Teens want to attend the Steubenville Conference in New York City in July/2017 • Fr. Labrie mentioned that all Diocesan Youth are welcome to attend the functions. 	<p>Corey Morin, Director of Youth Ministry</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	<p><u>Sue Dugal, Chair</u> <u>Communication</u> 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</p>	<p>Chairperson, Sue Dugal, stated that no meeting of the Church & Family Life Commission occurred since her last report.</p>	<p>Sue Dugal, Chair Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>H.O.P.E.</p>	<p>Presentation by Dot Cyr - Helping Our People Eagerly</p> <p><u>*Please see Attachment on H.O.P.E.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.O.P.E. Bookmarks will be available for distribution at all 10 worship sites. These Bookmarks describe the mission statement of H.O.P.E. • T-Shirt Fundraiser - to raise awareness: H.O.P.E. Changes Everything-Helping Our People Eagerly. \$15.00 Each • Chairperson needed - Christmas Craft Fair • Planet Head Day - February 18, 2017 - Donation for cancer - Monies stay in the County - Packets of info will go out to churches • Church sites will be asked to collect Professional Clothing for graduates - First time job interviews - NMCC Request by February 24, 2017 	<p>Dot Cyr</p>	<p>Informational</p>

Pastoral Report					
Ministry Reports	Father Labrie stated the following on our Monthly Ministry Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Ministry Reports will continue for at least 2 years. • After reporting for the months of October, November & December, our church sites are now comfortable with the process. • Ministries are important and how we as a parish connect with our parishioners is vital. • Local councils need to be familiar with their parishioners; we need to make a connection; we need to share info. • These reports clearly show what is happening in our church communities and point out what kind of support is needed. • Church councils need to know their strength and their weaknesses. • Evangelization is needed; it is a tool to bring people into our worship and to make them feel good. • Use your phone tree to connect with neighbors and your parishioners; reach out! • Once we have at least 6 reports, we will be able to observe what is going on. 	Fr. Labrie	Informational	Ongoing
Other Business					
Budget	Business Mgr., Mike Lagasse stated the following:	Now is the time to set your budget for the coming year. If you see an upcoming need at your church site, we need to be aware of it in order to budget the expense. Please let Mike Lagasse know.	Mike Lagasse	Informational	
Next Meeting					
Calendar		Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017 @ St. Mary's in Presque Isle at 6:00 p.m.	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	Adjournment - 7:15 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.				