

**Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of: November 16, 2017 - St. Mary's Church, Presque Isle**



**2017 - 2018**  
**Pastoral Council Officers**

**President**  
 Father David Raymond

**Chair**  
 Dr. Jim Savage  
 (Holy Rosary - Caribou)

**Vice-Chair**  
 Jim Derosier  
 (St. Mary's - Presque Isle)

**Secretary**

**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;  
 St. Mark;

**Leah Girardin** St. Mary;  
 St. Theresa;  
 Our Lady of the Lake;  
 Our Lady of the Lake;

**Appointees: Jim Savage, Barb Caron**

**Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:**  
*Fr. David Raymond, Janet Beckwith,  
 Theresa Bonner; Dot Cyr;*

**Other Parishioners:**

Topic	Point of Interest/Discussion	Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up Action	Ongoing Tabled
Opening Prayer	Fr. Raymond & members present opened the meeting in prayer.	The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Caron, at 6:10 PM.	Dave Caron Fr. Dave		
Minutes		<b><u>Motion:</u> Bob LeBlanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of September 28, 2017 as read. <u>Seconded</u> by Cathy Bowker. <u>Motion carried.</u></b>	Dave Caron		
Elections:	Election of Officers:	Election of Officers: Report from Chairperson - Nomination Committee Recommendation from Chairperson - Dave Caron	Chairperson, Dave Caron		

	<p>Dot Cyr, Chairperson, H.O.P.E. wondered why the Pastoral Council did not have the Office of Treasurer. It was explained that the Finance Commission deals with the monies and treasurer's position.</p>	<p>Dr. Jim Savage as Chairperson Jim Derosier as Vice Chair Our Secretary was appointed by Fr. Labre and now it would be up to Fr. Dave to reappoint the Secretary or we can accept nominations from the floor.</p> <p>Chairperson, Dave opened the floor for nominations to all positions of the Pastoral Council.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Cathy Bowker made the motion to accept the nomination of Dr. Jim Savage as the new Chairperson and to accept Jim Derosier as the new Vice Chair for the 2017-2018 term. <b>Seconded</b> by Leah Girardin. <b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>Dr. Jim Savage graciously accepted the position of being the new Chairperson of the Pastoral Council and Jim Derosier, although he was not present, assured Dave Caron that he would serve as the Vice Chair.</p> <p>Dr. Jim Savage stated that he is not perfect and will probably make mistakes but will do his best with the support of all members of the Pastoral Council and Fr. Dave.</p>			
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**Old Business**

<p><b>Parish Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Retreat, Lynn Pelli, Chairperson of Worship &amp; Spirituality</b></p>	<p>Lynn Pelli was not present to discuss the Parish Retreat.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Dave Caron made the motion to table the report on the Parish Retreat that Worship &amp; Spirituality is working on till the next meeting. <b>Seconded</b> by Leah Girardin. <b>Motion carried.</b></p>	<p><b>Lynn Pelli</b></p>		<p>Tabled Next Meeting</p>
<p><b>Priority Plan</b></p>	<p><b><u>Priority Plan for our Pastoral Council</u></b></p> <p><u>The Parish Priority Plan has 3 Priorities.</u>  1) Forming Intentional Disciples  2) Welcoming &amp; Affirming Communities  3) Inviting People to Faith Evangelization</p> <p><u>Each of the 3 Priorities have Smart Goals.</u>  1) Establish 10-12 <b>Small Faith Sharing Groups</b> by</p>	<p>The position is still open for finding a contact person for our Parish Priority Plan. This person would be the contact person for all of our 10 worship sites. The goal would be to unite our people together.</p> <p>At our last Council Meeting, Betty Thompson agreed to be the contact person for coordinating info on our Small Faith Sharing Groups that are occurring throughout our Parish.</p>	<p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>Ministry Reports</b></p>	<p>Sept 1, 2017 Provide 2-3 Gift Discernment sessions at 4-5 worship sites From Ash Wednesday - Pentecost 2) Create a Welcoming Ministry Team at all 10 worship sites By Sept 1/2017 3) Witness Talk through 2018</p> <p>Janet Beckwith, Pastoral Life Coordinator, stated that some sites are reporting on the ministries that are occurring at their site while other sites are not.</p>	<p><u>1st Priority:</u> Fr. Dave reminded the council that Small Faith Sharing is very important and is a good tool to bring new life to the Parish. It is also important for parishioners to discern their gifts. Janet Beckwith reminded us that small group sharing is a good opportunity for individuals to discern their gifts and to make our pastor aware.</p> <p><u>2nd Priority:</u> All church sites should be working on having a Welcome Ministry Team established.</p> <p><u>3rd Priority:</u> Faith Evangelization - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament would be healthy for all of our church communities. Even one hour of adoration would be beneficial. Extraordinary Ministers with training and guidelines can see that the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament be carried out. It was noted that the youth love Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Theresa Bonner would like to get the youth involved. Others shared that different forms of Adoration can occur through silence, music, or journaling.</p> <p><b>It was the consensus of the Pastoral Council to pass this over to the Worship &amp; Spirituality Commission to have them follow through.</b></p> <p>It was strongly suggested by Fr. Dave to have the sites send Ministry Reports for two months out of the year. Father suggested July &amp; October.</p> <p><b><i>Motion:</i></b> Dave Caron made the motion that our worship sites render a Ministry Report twice a year during the months of July &amp; October. <b>Seconded</b> by Bob Leblanc. <b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>Janet will send Dr. Jim Savage contact names of each site and will send out the last Ministry Report.</p>	<p><b>W&amp;S Lynn Pelli</b></p> <p><b>Janet Beckwith</b></p>	<p>Follow Up</p> <p>Follow Up</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
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**New Business**

<p><b>Youth Minister</b></p>	<p><b>Theresa Bonner, Youth Ministry Director</b></p> <p>It was also noted that all reports of our Pastoral Commissions should go to the Secretary so it can be emailed to each member to be reviewed before the Pastoral Council Meeting. Once again, these reports become part of our minutes when voted upon.</p>	<p>The Chair recognized and welcomed Theresa Bonner as the new Youth Ministry Director of the Parish of the Precious Blood and as a new representative of Youth Ministry to the Pastoral Council.</p>	<p><b>Chairperson</b></p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>Increased Offertory Program</b></p>	<p><b>Increased Offertory Program - using 'Changing Our World' with director Joseph Jennings, an invitation from the Diocese of Portland &amp; our Bishop to participate in Stewardship.</b></p> <p><b>The goal is to increase our offertory.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fr. Dave stated that this is a 3 Week Campaign.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction - Kick Off Weekend - Dec. 2 &amp; 3</li> <li>2) Dec. 9 &amp; 10 - Lay Speaker from each site with Bulletin Inserts</li> <li>3) December 17 &amp; 18 - Commitment Weekend with Commitment Cards</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Letter to all parishioners will be sent.</li> <li>• Brochure will be included.</li> <li>• Both will create a greater awareness to our stewardship and how this will help support our Parish Ministries and assure future growth of these ministries.</li> <li>• Church sites are to follow our Communication Protocol; the designated person that represents each church site and also work with your Church Council.</li> <li>• Cost is \$5.00 per mailing - approximately 767 Families (1500-1600 Individuals)</li> <li>• Chairperson, Dr. Jim Savage, stated that the Chairperson of the Finance Council, Mark Bouchard, shared with him that \$7500.00 has been budgeted for cost that will incur due to this Offertory Program.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fr. Dave Parish of the Precious Blood</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Ministry Fair</b></p>	<p><b>Ministry Fair - H.O.P.E. Commission</b></p>	<p>Chairperson of H.O.P.E., Dot Cyr, shared that her commission is working on having a Ministry Fair sometime in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An opportunity to recruit for various ministries.</li> <li>• An opportunity to explain the need for each ministry &amp; how they benefit our Parish - similar to a job fair.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dot Cyr</b></p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>Small Faith Sharing</b></p>	<p><b>Small Faith Sharing Update: Coordinator, Betty Thompson</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tables set up for each Ministry &amp; this can be tailored to each church site.</li> <li>• Create an incentive to go &amp; to participate.</li> <li>• Fall time was discussed; preference leaned toward the idea of holding it during our Parish Picnic that will occur in the spring. The Parish Picnic will be at St. Joseph's in Mars Hill this year.</li> <li>• Important for H.O.P.E. to make contact with each Church Council President; so, ideas can be shared throughout the Parish.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> Dave Caron made the motion to table the update on Small Faith Sharing since Betty Thompson is absent. <b>Seconded</b> by Leah Girardin. <b>Motion carried.</b></p>	<p><b>Betty Thompson</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Training Update</b></p>	<p><b>Training Update - Small Faith Sharing Group</b></p>	<p>Pastoral Life Coordinator, Janet Beckwith, shared that Sister Nancy Fisher of Erie Pennsylvania conducted a training session on Small Faith Sharing this past weekend. We had a great presentation with a great motivational speaker. 21 out of the 24 registered participants attended. At this time we have 65 registered in our Small Faith Sharing Groups. The cost for our speaker on Small Faith Sharing was \$640.00 including the cost of tolls, gas and 1 night in New Hampshire.</p> <p>Her talk can be found on Facebook - You Tube - Small Christian Community - Sr. Nancy Fisher, SSI. There is also a follow-up slide on her presentation that is available.</p>	<p><b>Janet Beckwith</b></p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p><b>Church &amp; Family Life Commission</b></p>	<p><b>Church &amp; Family Life Commission - Chairperson needed. Pastoral Council Members for : St. Louis &amp; St. Catherine are needed.</b></p> <p>Dave Caron also suggested that perhaps Janet can gather some info on each of our Commissions with a description of the Commission and their responsibilities.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith shared that the PPB.org site has a list of the Commissions with descriptions of each.</p>	<p>Fr. Dave stated that he will be attending a Parish Council Meeting at St. Louis in Limestone at the end of the month and will find someone to represent St. Louis. He will also do what he can to get someone from St. Catherine's in Washburn.</p> <p>It was noted that we need to replace our Chairperson for our Church &amp; Family Life Commission. Rena Legasse or Nancy Saucier were suggested as replacements.</p> <p>Chairperson, Dr. Jim Savage will get together with the Church &amp; Family Life Commission and work with Cathy</p>	<p><b>Fr. Dave Pastoral Council</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Jim Savage</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<p><b>Other Business</b></p>	<p><b>Smoking on Church Property</b></p>	<p>Bowker, Rena Legasse and Nancy Saucier if they can come with some ideas.</p> <p>Dave Caron shared that it should be our Parish Policy that we have no smoking in or on any of our church sites. When it is cold outside, smokers tend to stay near the entrance and this is not a good idea for our children to be exposed to smoke as well as people that are allergic or have health issues due to being exposed to smoke. Also, creates a fire hazard.</p> <p>Dave asked everyone to think about this issue and that it should be brought up at our next meeting.</p> <p>Members shared that perhaps a 'No Smoking On Church Property' sign should be placed on all our church sites with a reminder in the bulletin.</p>	<p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>'Build A Disciple'</b></p>	<p><b>Theresa Bonner, Youth Ministry Director, shared about the 'Build A Disciple' Fundraiser.</b></p>	<p>'Build A Disciple' fundraiser was created while Corey Morin was Youth Ministry Director. Theresa Bonner is now trying to catch-up with what Corey started. At the end of October/2017, over \$7000.00 has been placed in a separate diocesan account. Theresa wants to be assured that the money donated toward this account can be used to help fund kids who want to go on retreats. It was brought up to her attention that perhaps just the interest could be used; she would like this clarified and verified.</p> <p>Theresa Bonner also passed out a copy of Forming a Disciple, One Child at a Time Fundraiser Guidelines that she put together. This will be brought up at our next meeting.</p> <p>Dave Caron thought that it was Corey Morin's intention to just use the interest of this money.</p> <p>Since this diocesan account was created through the Finance Council, Chairperson, Dr. Jim Savage, will check with Mark Bouchard, Chairperson of the Finance Council and come back to the Pastoral Council to make a motion to define the purpose of this fundraiser - 'Build A Disciple'.</p>	<p><b>Theresa Bonner</b></p> <p><b>Theresa Bonner</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson, Dr. Jim Savage</b></p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Commission Reports					
Worship & Spirituality	Chairperson of Worship & Spirituality Comm., Lynn Pelli <u>*Please see Attachment of Nov. 16, 2017 - W&amp;S Comm Minutes of Nov., 7, 2017 &amp; Attachment of October 26, 2017 W&amp;S Minutes of Oct. 12, 2017</u>	The Brief Report of W&S consists of their minutes of Nov. 7, 2017 & Oct. 26 2017. The report states that the training for Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers has been conducted and went well. Future training will be offered for those who missed out.	W&S Chair, Lynn Pelli	Informational	
Faith Formation	Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom <u>*Please see Attachments on Faith Formation - Nov. 16, 2017 &amp; October 26, 2017.</u>	Stella's Report stated the Circle of Grace Program has been implemented. This new program is helping families to bring Christ into their homes and to pray together as a family.  Classroom retreats are planned for Advent & Lent. Parents will be encouraged to attend.	Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader	Informational	
Youth Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry, Theresa Bonner <u>*Please see Attachment on PPB - Oct 26, 2017</u>	Theresa Bonner is now the new Youth Director of the PPB in conjunction with Site Coordinator for St. Mary's K-5 Faith Formation Program. Theresa stated that the PPB Youth Ministry has 30 students enrolled.	Director of Youth Ministry	Informational	
Church & Family Life Comm.	We do not have a Chairperson for our Church & Family Life Commission at this time.	.			
H.O.P.E.	Helping Our People Eagerly Chairperson, Dot Cyr, rendered her report as follows: <u>*Please see Attachment on H.O.P.E. Oct. 26, 2017</u>	Please check out Dot's report; there are great new ideas that will benefit the H.O.P.E. Commission.	Dot Cyr	Informational	
Pastoral Report					
Pastor: Fr. Dave		Fr. Dave stated that this is a very active parish and that he is thankful to everyone for all that they do. It is unique to see that each church site has its own community and that we need to remember it is important to carry the load together.	Fr. Dave	Informational	
Other Business					
Blessing - Chairperson		Fr. Dave extended prayers and blessings upon Dr. Jim Savage as our new Chairperson.			
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018	Place: Holy Rosary, Caribou at 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Jim Savage		

<b>Adjournment</b>	8:13 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.				
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