

**Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of: September 17, 2015 – St. Mary's, Presque Isle**

	<p><b><u>2015</u></b>  <b><u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></b></p> <p><b>President</b>          Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p><b>Chair</b>          David Caron          (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair</b>          Bob LeBlanc          (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p><b>Secretary</b>          Barb Caron          (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Attendees:</u></b>          Bob LeBlanc      Holy Rosary;                                           Sacred Heart;                                           St. Catherine;  <i>Irene Ellis,</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>Wayne Gagnon,</i>    Our Lady of the Lake</p> <p><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u>  <i>Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie</i>  <i>Janet Beckwith</i>  <i>Mike Lagasse</i>  <i>Stella Carlstrom</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u>  <b>Barb Caron, Janette McBurnie,          Nancy Saucier</b></p>		
<b>Topic</b>		<b>Decision/Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Follow-Up</b>	<b>Resolved Date</b>
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:00 PM. Fr. Labrie opened the meeting in prayer.		<b>Fr.Labrie</b>		
<b>Minutes</b>		<b><u>Motion:</u></b> Chris Grover made the motion to accept the <u>Minutes of May 21, 2015 as presented.</u> <b>Seconded by Debbie Cyr.</b> <b><u>Motion carried.</u></b>	<b>Dave Caron</b>		

**Old Business**

<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p>		<p>The <b>Election of Officers</b> was put on hold till the next Council Meeting along with the <b>Appointment of Members of Pastoral Council, Terms</b> and the need to <b>Update Pastoral Council Membership Poster</b>.</p>	<p><b>Fr. Labrie</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Communication Protocol</b></p>	<p>Chairperson, Dave shared that he had contacted the Chair and or Presidents of each church site through an email and as of this date he had only 2 church sites respond. He asked for guidance on how to go about to have other sites respond to the Communication Protocol that was voted on at our last Council Meeting. He also noted that the contact was done at the end of the season where church councils may not have had a chance to meet with their councils and to respond.</p>	<p><b>Father Labrie stated that there are 3 levels that we communicate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Communication Committee</b></li> <li>2) <b>Through the Pastor</b></li> <li>3) <b>Through Staff Members</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Information should be gathered and the Communication Committee should be responsible to see it through not the Pastoral Council.</b></p> <p><b>We also need to remember the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Not all sites are on the same level.</b></li> <li><b>Not all sites have Church Meetings.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Once the information is gathered (contacts - 2 members from each church site) a copy should go to the Pastor, Communication Committee Chair and Chair of the Pastoral Council requested a copy.</b></p>			<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Memorial Mass St. Theresa</b></p>	<p>Debbie Cyr shared that the Memorial Mass was a great success and that they netted \$690.00 in profit. She also encouraged all sites to offer a Memorial Mass. People are enthused to have masses said for their love ones. They had approximately 138 names; the mass offering was \$5.00 per person listed.</p>		<p><b>Debbie Cyr</b></p>	<p>Informational</p>	

**New Business**

<p><b>Social Justice &amp; Peace &amp; Hope</b></p>		<p>Contact Person for <b>Justice &amp; Peace: Danielle Langille</b>          Same Phone #          Need a couple of people as back-up  <b>Hope</b> - Need Chairperson          Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of Month @ 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Danielle Langille</b></p>		
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<b>Discernment Sunday</b>		<p>Father Labrie stated that <b>Discernment Sunday</b> will take place the weekend of September 26 &amp; 27. All sites have been contacted, an example of the Discernment Forms have been included. Different sites have different needs, so, adjust accordingly. These forms are to be placed in the pews with pencils, then collected and it is very important to follow-up.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie also felt it is better to conduct this survey in the fall, so, we have the year ahead to have people commit in helping out.</p>	<b>Fr. Labrie</b>		Ongoing
<b>Commission Reports</b>					
<b>Social Justice &amp; Peace: HOPE</b>	No Report - No Representative	New Contact Person: <b>Danielle Langille</b>			
<b>Worship &amp; Spirituality</b>	Lynn Pelli, Chair - not present Norm Johnson, Co-Chair	<p><b>No Report</b></p> <p>Next <b>Worship &amp; Spirituality Meeting</b> is set for Sept. 23, 2015 at St. Catherine's in Washburn; a report should be available at our next meeting.</p>	<b>Lynn Pelli,</b>		
<b>Faith Formation Commission</b>  <b>Paid Coordinators</b>	<p>Corey Morin, Youth Minister – Not Present</p> <p>Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom</p> <p>Chair, Dave Caron was concerned that some coordinators are paid while others are not and wondered why this is so.</p> <p>Mike Lagasse stated that paid coordinators started with Caribou &amp; Presque Isle. At this time Fort Fairfield's coordinator is also being paid. Small sites were volunteers.</p> <p>Dave stated that it is vital to not hurt anyone's feelings especially when they donate their time - communicate; let them know/explain why some are paid and others are not.</p>	<p><b><u>See Attached Report - 2015 Sept Youth Ministry</u></b></p> <p><b><u>See Attached Report - 2015 Sept Faith Formation</u></b></p> <p>To better serve the small church sites, Fort Fairfield, Limestone and Mars Hill will share a coordinator for Faith Formation.</p>	<b>Corey Morin</b>  <b>Stella Carlstrom</b>	Informational	

<p><b>Church and Family Life</b></p>	<p>Sue Dugal, Chair reported on her committee and the following subcommittees:</p> <p><u>Communication</u> Facilitator: Jim Savage  <u>Strengthening the Family</u> Facilitator: Rena Lagasse  <u>Sharing the Faith</u> Facilitator: Cathy Bowker (New)  <u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: (Need New Spokesperson)  <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier</p>	<p><b><u>See Attached Report - 2015 May Church &amp; Family Life</u></b>  A more detailed report will be available at our next meeting</p> <p><b><u>Visioning Reunion</u></b> will be held Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Important that chairpersons from each of the five committees be present.</p>	<p><b>Sue Dugal</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>Hire Communication Staff Person</b></p>	<p>Members of the Council still feel that we definitely have communication problems at our local sites. Irene Ellis shared that the Communication Committee would like to see the Parish hire someone to implement better communication skills among the sites. We have a communication issue, this person could help close the gap that exists. We need to do something, the Communication Committee feels it would be a great benefit to our growth as a Parish. Once again, this can be a volunteer position or student; someone with business knowledge and technology skills.</p> <p>Sue shared that communication is a two way street. We need that extra help to bring our 10 worship sites together. We are aware of budget constraints and that the budget for our parish has been passed for this year, wondering if there are grant monies available.</p> <p>Chris Grover wondered if there is room for this extra person and how would the duties of this person fit in with the other staff members.</p>	<p>Mike Lagasse, Finance Administrator, shared that a decision has to be made by the Pastoral Committee then this issue can be brought up to the Finance Committee. Before presenting to the Finance Committee:  Research other parishes that have this Communication person in place.  Scope of job description that fits the needs of our Parish. Part time would be best and under 19 hours.</p> <p>Consensus of Pastoral Council is to recommend that the Communication Committee not give up and to come back with more detailed info. Also recommended that the Communication Comm. gather a list of 2 contact persons per worship site.</p>	<p><b>Pastoral Council</b></p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>External Hospitality</b></p>	<p>External Hospitality, subcommittee of Church &amp; Family Life - Nancy Saucier was recognized by the Chair to report on the External Hospitality Commission.</p>	<p><b><u>External Hospitality - See Attached Report: 2015 Sept. External Hospitality</u></b>  Nancy Saucier shared that a survey to encourage volunteers to become Eucharistic Ministers for the sick and homebound was conducted at all sites which began in March 2015. At this time, we serve 165 shut-ins not including the Westfield Boarding Home. Good things are happening and all Extraordinary Ministers feel that serving the sick and homebound leaves them with a sense of excitement and fulfillment.</p>	<p><b>Sue Dugal &amp; Nancy Saucier</b></p>	<p>Informational</p>	

<b>Sharing the Faith</b>	Irene Ellis shared that at this time we have 3 members.  Irene would like to see a section in our Church Bulletin reaching out to our youth; a weekly question that our youth are seeking answers to and in turn would be answered by our priests or designated adult with Father Labrie's approval.	<b><u>Pamphlets to promote Sharing the Faith</u></b> Irene shared that at St. Denis in Fort Fairfield pamphlets are made available to parishioners. These pamphlets cover different topics; they have been approved by Fr. Labrie and are informational and carry a message to correspond with the Liturgy of the Word for that week. These pamphlets are available on our website and can be printed off and passed out at your parish site.	<b>Sue Dugal &amp; Irene Ellis</b>	Informational	
<b>Pastoral Report</b>					
<b>Pastoral Report</b>	Fr. Labrie shared the following:	<p><b><u>Diocesan Pastoral Council:</u></b> Bishop Deely has appointed two Vicariates from our area: Cheryl Dermerchant from Presque Isle and the other is from Houlton. Ten have been appointed from our Diocese; they will serve for 3 years and will meet four times a year.</p> <p><b><u>Presence Catholic Radio Network:</u></b> The Radio Network is on the air at 1390 AM - WEGP.</p> <p><b><u>Diocese &amp; Catholic Foundation Grant:</u></b> Youth Ministry, Corey Morin, was able to write a grant and receive \$900.00 for the Edge program in Youth Ministry. This year he will receive \$4835.00 of grant monies on Ongoing Education. Faith Formation, Stella Carlstrom, was able to receive \$200.00 of grant monies for the Convocation that she attended.</p> <p><b><u>Storm Policy:</u></b> Last year's Storm Policy worked out very well. Fr. Labrie will continue to make the final decision on cancellations or changes due to inclement weather. Information is getting out; our storm policy last year had no negative impact on the budget. Youth mass will not be scheduled for Sunday at 3:00 p.m. to allow a chance for other small sites to have a mass during that time slot. St. Joseph's in Mars Hill will be offered a mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday if cancellation of their mass goes into effect. Need to hear from other small sites if they want to do the same.</p>	<b>Fr. Labrie</b>	Informational	

		<p><b>Budget Report:</b> Fr. Labrie will personally present the Budget Report and will begin with Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, and Mars Hill; the chairperson/president of each church site will hopefully be available along with Mike Lagasse to answer any questions or concerns that parishioners may have. The budget looks great; good report.</p> <p><b>Email Message:</b> Fr. Labrie will continue his message during Advent and Lent; and will email a message on special Feast Days to pertaining church sites. This has been very successful and a great way to reach out to many parishioners.</p> <p><b>Parish Picnic:</b> Our yearly Parish Picnic went very well and as reported, it was well attended. Next year <b>Our Lady of the Lake in Portage</b> will be the site for our Parish Picnic. Help will be available.</p>			
<b>Other Business</b>					
<b>Our Lady of the Lake - Portage: Church Council Meeting</b>	Chris Grover shared that at Our Lady of the Lake, Council Meeting, the members were frustrated and wanted her to bring up the following problem to the Pastoral Council. Water in the basement; this has been reported to Building & Grounds and the council felt it should be acted upon.	Fr. Labrie stated that Building & Grounds is aware of the problem; they were waiting for a storm to figure out the source of where the water was coming from. Chris shared that an X has been marked in the area where the water comes in. Building & Grounds will be notified.	<b>Chris Grover</b>	Informational	
<b>St. Theresa - Stockholm: Hymnals &amp; Well Cover</b>	Debbie Cyr shared that St. Theresa's in Stockholm could use extra hymnals. They don't have enough; more are needed. Well cover outside; the top is rotting - needs to be recovered.	Small sites had the same amount; perhaps people are bringing them home; should check and see if this is happening. Rotted well cover: This will be brought up to Building & Grounds - Herm will deal with this.	<b>Debbie Cyr</b>	Informational	
<b>Next Meeting</b>					
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Date: October 15, 2015 - Holy Rosary, Caribou</b>	<b>Dave Caron</b>		
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjournment - 7:35 p.m. with the Discernment Prayer.				