


Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of: January 21, 2016 – Holy Rosary, Caribou

	<p align="center"><u>2016</u> <u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></p> <p align="center">President Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p align="center">Chair David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p align="center">Vice-Chair Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p align="center">Secretary Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p align="center"><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Attendees - Members</u></p> <p><i>Bob LeBlanc,</i> Holy Rosary; <i>Betty Thompson,</i> Sacred Heart; St. Catherine; <i>Cathy Bowker,</i> St. Denis; <i>Dave Caron,</i> St. Joseph; St. Louis; <i>Chris Grover,</i> St. Mark; <i>Leah Girardin,</i> St. Mary; <i>Albertine Dufour,</i> St. Theresa; <i>Corinne Routhier,</i> Our Lady of the Lake; <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>Michael Lagasse</i> <i>Stella Carlstrom</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u> Jeanette McBurnie, Sandra Soucy, Barb Caron</p>
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Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:00 PM. Fr. Labrie opened the meeting in prayer.		Fr.Labrie		
Minutes		<u>Motion:</u> Bob Leblanc made the motion to accept the Minutes of November 19, 2015 as read. <u>Seconded</u> by Cathy Bowker. <u>Motion carried.</u>	Dave Caron		

Old Business

<p>Pastoral Membership Poster</p>	<p>Primary - Council Members: send photo of oneself to Janet via e-mail & she will update and have new posters printed. (If site has no Primary Member, photo of Alternate would be appreciated.)</p>		<p>Janet Beckwith</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Communication Staff Person</p>	<p>Chairperson, Dave shared the following: I would like to point out that the Pastoral Commission has done a tremendous job dealing with the need of a communication person. The Communication Committee and the Church & Family Life Commission provided valuable info to develop this position. After meeting with Father Labrie, we discussed the need of improving our communication and how to resolve the need of better communication within our Parish. The responsibility now shifts to our Pastor, Father Labrie; Father will let us know if he needs our input.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie stated that he will continue to update the Pastoral Council. Father reminded the Council that there is no money in the budget to hire a new person till the new budget of July 1st, 2016. He has looked at the need for better communication and will keep us informed.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Recognition of Volunteers</p>	<p>Janet shared that the Worship & Spirituality Ministry felt that by Recognizing the Volunteers on Pentecost Sunday would create an overlap of what is occurring during the 3 consecutive weekends in January.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie stated that recognition of all volunteers that would have taken place on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016 will not take place at this time. We will not follow the minutes of November 19, 2015 where it talks about gathering info on volunteers and recognizing them.</p> <p>The following ministries will be recognized during 3 consecutive weekends in January: Social & Educational Ministries Liturgical Ministries Hospitality & Environmental Ministries An invitation will be made for parishioners who serve on these ministries to be recognized by standing, and to remain standing as we go through announcing the ministries. A blessing will be extended upon those who serve.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		

New Business					
Parish Picnic	Our Lady of the Lake, Portage - Wayne Gagnon Our Parish Picnic will be organized by parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake in Portage - Date and Location will be their responsibility. Wayne Gagnon has been working on the date and location; Memorial Day Weekend may be a possibility but not definite at this time.	Fr. Labrie shared the following: Pointers: Help is available. Make contact with Church Presidents. List of contact persons who have organized these picnics in the past and resources used can be made available; contact rectory office.	Wayne Gagnon	Informational	Ongoing
Commission Reports					
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	Fr. Labrie, President Coordinator & Contact Person: Danielle Langille	No Report	Fr. Labrie	Informational	
Worship & Spirituality	Lynn Pelli, Chair - Chairperson Norm Johnson, Co-Chair	*See Attached Report - 2016 Jan 21 Brief Report - Worship & Spirituality - Lynn Pelli	Lynn Pelli,	Informational	
Faith Formation	Corey Morin, Youth Minister – Not Present Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom	*See Attached Report - 2016 January 21 Youth Ministry No report at this time.	Corey Morin Stella Carlstrom	Informational	
Church and Family Life	<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: Carl Gallagher <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier	*See Attached Report - 2016 Jan 21 - Communication Protocol List No new reports from the Ministries under Church & Family Life.	Sue Dugal	Informational	

Pastoral Report					
<p>Pastoral Report</p> <p>Disciple Maker</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie passed out a copy of the Disciple Maker Index Survey to each member present and shared the following:</p>	<p>The intent of the Disciple Maker Index Survey is to create a Parish Profile to recognize our strengths and weaknesses as a Parish and to create an evangelistic tool to bring about our commitment, 'Telling anew, the Story of Jesus'.</p> <p>The Disciple Maker Index Survey 2016 is being emailed to families and individuals who provided us with an email address at one time or another. If we did not have your email; then the survey is available on line under the Parish Website - Disciple Maker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone in a family 18 years and older are asked to individually fill out the survey. ▪ These surveys are being sent out in waves. ▪ Looking for as many responses as possible. ▪ Reach out to those family members or non practicing Catholic members who are willing to fill out the profile. ▪ Surveys will be available to those who prefer paper form. ▪ Announcement to occur at each church site this coming weekend - Jan. 23 & 24. <p>Parishioners will be asked to come forward and attend 6 sessions/meetings that will take place at Holy Rosary in Caribou and St. Mary's in Houlton. These gatherings will give us a chance to see the results of our Faith Profile, what it means and how we can move forward in Evangelization. These meetings will take place from 1pm until 6 pm; and will take place during the following dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May 3, 2016 2. June 15, 2016 3. July 14, 2016 4. August 9, 2016 5. September 7, 2016 6. October 6, 2016 <p>Parishioners participating are encouraged to attend all 6 sessions.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Other Business					
Endowment	<p>Chairperson, Dave Caron stated the following:</p> <p>Fr. Labrie, Chairperson, Dave Caron and Mike Lagasse, Business/Bookkeeping Coordinator shared the following on Endowments:</p> <p>Albertine Dufour from St. Theresa asked if monies donated to an Endowment could be left for a specific church or purpose.</p>	<p>A couple of us from the Pastoral Council are on an Ad Hoc Committee with the Finance Council Members. The Ad Hoc Committee is working with the Catholic Foundation of Maine to share ideas and to steer us in the right direction to raise monies to increase our existing Endowment of the Parish; hopefully, to the point that we could continue to improve and to finance our ministries in the future.</p> <p>At this time, we have 3 endowments which total around \$98,000.00. We would like to establish an Endowment to fund our future ministries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We can piggy-back on the Endowments already established or to establish a new Endowment. ▪ As a Parish, we are limited on what can be done, for we are under the direction of the Diocese of Portland. ▪ One idea is to allow us to spend the interest generated from the Endowment but not the Endowment monies raised. ▪ Elizabeth Badger from the Catholic Foundation in Portland has given us some insight as to how to proceed. ▪ Endowment structure needs to state where monies can be spent and for what purpose. ▪ It is very important that the Legal Documents drawn up be very specific; as, we have seen with the Endowment that was left to St. Joseph's Parish; before merging as the Parish of the Precious Blood. The name change left St. Joseph's Parish Endowment to cease; although, the money was diverted elsewhere in the diocese. ▪ Monies donated to an Endowment does not go through the Parish or Diocesan Books. 	Finance & Pastoral Council - Ad Hoc Committee	Informational	Ongoing
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Next Meeting:	Date: March 10, 2016 - St. Mary's, Presque Isle @ 6:00 p.m.	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	Adjournment - 6:45 p.m. - in prayer.				