


Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: September 28, 2017 - St. Mary's Church, Presque Isle

	<p><u>2016 - 2017</u> <u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></p> <p>President Father David Raymond</p> <p>Chair David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p>Vice-Chair Dr. Jim Savage (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p>Secretary Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p><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;</p> <p><i>Cathy Bowker</i> St. Denis; <i>Dave Caron,</i> St. Joseph; <i>Sue Dugal</i> St. Louis; <i>Chris Grover</i> St. Mark; <i>Jim Derosier</i> St. Mary; St. Theresa;</p> <p><i>Corrine Routhier</i> Our Lady of the Lake; <i>Wayne Gagnon</i> Our Lady of the Lake;</p> <p><u>Appointees: Barb Caron</u></p> <p><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u> <i>Fr. David Raymond, Janet Beckwith,</i> <i>Stella Carlstrom; Dot Cyr;</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners: Sandra Soucy</u></p>		
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 6:00 PM.	Dave Caron Fr. Dave		
Minutes		<u>Motion:</u> <i>Bob LeBlanc</i> made the motion to accept the <i>Minutes of June 22, 2017 as read. Seconded by Chris Grover. Motion carried.</i>	Dave Caron		
Old Business					

<p>Book Program</p>	<p>Book Program - Resisting Happiness</p>	<p>Cathy Bowker shared that since her mom has been sick this past summer, she did not have much time to look into the possibility of finding sponsors for the book program as discussed at our previous meeting.</p>	<p>Pastoral Council</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>Parish Retreat</p>	<p>Parish Retreat</p>	<p>Fr. Dave Raymond would like to have the book, Resisting Happiness used as a study guide and sharing for Small Faith Sharing Groups rather than ordering for all parishioners.</p>	<p>Fr. Dave</p>	<p>Informational</p>	
<p>Priority Plan</p>	<p><u>Priority Plan for our Pastoral Council</u></p> <p><u>The Parish Priority Plan has 3 Priorities.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Forming Intentional Disciples 2) Welcoming & Affirming Communities 3) Inviting People to Faith Evangelization <p><u>Each of the 3 Priorities have Smart Goals.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish 10-12 Small Faith Sharing Groups by 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>Father stated that establishing Small Faith Sharing Groups is part of our Parish Priority Plan under Smart Goals.</p> <p>Through the help of the Worship & Spirituality Comm. we could set up a workshop for training parish leaders to lead Small Faith Sharing Groups.</p> <p>At this time, we do have Small Faith Sharing Groups established and if you are interested in setting up a Small Faith Sharing Group, please contact the Parish office. There are many resources available to you in helping you choose what type of Faith Sharing Group you want to establish. A great start-up time is either Advent or Lent; it presents a comfortable way to start a sharing group. Both Fr. Steve & Fr. Agustin are very interested in taking part and helping out.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith shared that proper training is very important. During this training bonding of leaders will take place and extend to the bonding of your groups which will create a comfortable atmosphere for sharing.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith, with the approval of Fr. Dave, will explore the possibility of having Bob Moriarity, S.M. Director of the Quest Program to come and give a talk and to help us learn more about Small Faith Sharing Groups.</p>	<p>Pastoral Council</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p>Tabled Next Meeting</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

	Welcoming as part of our Priority Plan	Father felt that it is very important to welcome our youth and to help them feel part of our parish community and not just part of their parent's church. They want to be asked, they want to be involved and they want to be active.	Pastoral Council	Follow Up	Ongoing
	Point Person as part of our Priority Plan	We are still in need of a Point Person for the implementation of our 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.	Pastoral Council		Ongoing
		Father Dave stated that it would also benefit us, the Pastoral Council, to come together at some time and highlight issues that need addressing.	Pastoral Council	Follow Up	Ongoing
	Contact Person - Small Faith Sharing Group	Betty Thompson has accepted the responsibility of being the coordinator among the 10 worship sites for Small Faith Sharing Groups. She will have available pertinent information on the location and time of each sharing group.	Betty Thompson	Follow Up	Ongoing
New Business					
New Member	Jim Derosier - St. Mary's Church - Presque Isle	The Chair recognized and welcomed Jim Derosier as the new Primary Member of St. Mary's to the Pastoral Council.	Chairperson	Informational	
Letter & By Laws	Letter of Introduction & By Laws of the Pastoral Council	Chairperson, Dave shared that a Letter of Introduction was sent to each member of the Pastoral Council along with an attachment of the By Laws of the Pastoral Council. Dave asked that each member read the letter and By Laws to become more familiar with the procedures of our council.	Chairperson	Informational	
	By Laws - Last Revised 12/01/2011	The By Laws were last revised on 12/01/2011. It is the Chairperson's recommendation that they be looked over and perhaps revised again; if needed. Dave will bring this up to Dr. Jim Savage's attention and suggest that the Executive Committee of the Pastoral Council meet, go over the By Laws, recommend changes that should be made to the Council and finalized at that time.	Executive Committee	Follow Up	Ongoing
Other: Volunteer	Volunteering our Services without pay - Wayne Gagnon wondered why parishioners were not allowed to volunteer their services that is presently being done by a paid employee. Especially when that person has the experience and time to	Chairperson, Dave, shared that we need to follow the guidelines set by the Bishop of Portland. There are laws that need to be followed; laws that protect the church. Insurance for these types of services only cover our		Informational	

<p>Ministry Fair</p>	<p>donate their services.</p> <p>Discussion followed on various topics. It was the consensus of the Council that further discussion should go to the Building & Grounds Commission or to the Finance Council.</p> <p>Ministry Fair - Hope Commission</p>	<p>employees; there have been several lawsuits and now we have to follow the guidelines set up by the Diocese of Portland.</p> <p>Dot Cyr would like to bring up at our next meeting the Ministry Fair that the H.O.P.E. Commission is working on.</p>	<p>Dot Cyr</p>		<p>Tabled to next meeting.</p>
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Commission Reports

<p>Worship & Spirituality</p> <p>Faith Formation</p> <p>Youth Ministry</p> <p>Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	<p>Chairperson of Worship & Spirituality Comm., Lynn Pelli <u>*Please see Attachment of Sept 28, 2017 Minutes of the W & S Comm.</u></p> <p>Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom <u>*Please see Attachment on Faith Formation - Sept 28, 2017</u></p> <p>Director of Youth Ministry</p> <p><u>Sue Dugal, Chairperson</u> Communication Strengthening the Family Sharing the Faith Internal Hospitality External Hospitality</p> <p>The Pastoral Council Members are very sad to hear and to accept Sue Dugal's resignation. The Council is grateful for the many years that Sue has served. She has generously given of her time, effort and talents and the Council extended their sincere appreciation!</p>	<p>The Brief Report of W&S consists of their minutes of Sept. 19, 2017. This report did not go out with attachments for our meeting but are included as part of our minutes for approval.</p> <p>Stella's Report stated that classes began Sept. 10, 2017 and enrollment will be close in size to last year.</p> <p>We have a new Director of Youth Ministry - Theresa Bonner.</p> <p>Chairperson, Dave, shared the following statement from Sue Dugal:</p> <p>Hi Everyone, I just wanted to let you know that due to some health issues and increased work commitments, I will no longer be continuing as chair of this commission or as a member. I am willing to help as needed on special projects if circumstances permit. I have enjoyed working with and learning from all of you. May God bless you in your future endeavors. Sue</p> <p>Sue Dugal mentioned that perhaps Rena Legasse or Nancy Saucier would be a great choice for Chairperson of the Church & Family Life Commission.</p>	<p>W&S Chair, Lynn Pelli</p> <p>Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader</p> <p>Director of Youth Ministry</p> <p>Sue Dugal, Chair Church & Family Life Comm.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Follow Up</p>	
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H.O.P.E.	Helping Our People Eagerly Chairperson, Dot Cyr, rendered her report as follows: *Please see Attachment on H.O.P.E. Sept 28, 2017	The Brief Report for H.O.P.E. consists of minutes of their meetings for May, June, & September.	Dot Cyr	Informational	
Pastoral Report					
Chairperson		Fr. Dave stated that he was very grateful to Dave for the time he has served as the Chairperson of the Pastoral Council. He also stated that Dave was highly spoken of by Fr. Labrie.	Fr. Dave	Informational	
Business Coordinator	There was concern that an extra half position has been created. Discussion followed as to whether our Parish can afford the half position increase and if the extra half position is necessary.	Fr. also stated that the Finance Commission has approved a full time position in the process of hiring a Business Coordinator.			
Other Business					
Ministry Reports	Ministry Reports of our Worship sites *Please see handout of June, July & August Ministry Reports.	Janet Beckwith made available copies of our Ministry Reports.	Janet Beckwith	Informational	Ongoing
Commission Reports	Commission Reports Reports are requested a week before the meeting and is sent to the secretary so she can include the brief reports along with the agenda, minutes and other reports to each of you a few days before the meeting. These reports give members a chance to be familiar with what is going on and to come to the meetings prepared and ready to give input where needed; saving alot of valuable time.	Chairperson, Dave, stated that we need to remember that the attachments that you receive prior to our meeting become part of the minutes that we approve at our meetings.	Dave Caron	Informational	
Election of Officers	Election of Officers	Dr. Jim Savage was unable to attend this meeting. Chairperson, Dave Caron stated that he will finish his term as chairperson and looks forward to Jim Savage to be voted in as the new chairperson at our next Pastoral Council Meeting in October/2017.	Pastoral Council		Ongoing
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017	Place: St. Mary's in Presque Isle at 6:00 p.m.	Dave Caron		
Adjournment	7:35 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.				