

Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: January 25, 2018 - 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)

Acting Secretary
 Barb Caron
 (St. Joseph's - 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.

Members & Attendees

Fr. David Raymond, President
Dr. Jim Savage, Chairperson

Jon Langley Holy Rosary;
Betty Thompson Sacred Heart;
 St. Catherine;

Cathy Bowker St. Denis;
Dave Caron, St. Joseph;
Sue Dugal St. Louis;

Pete Huntress St. Louis;
Chris Grover St. Mark;

Jim Derosier St. Mary;
Debbie Cyr St. Theresa;

Corrine Routhier Our Lady of the Lake;
Wayne Gagnon Our Lady of the Lake;

Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:

Fr. Agustin, Janet Beckwith, Stella Carlstrom

Other Parishioners: *Barb Caron*

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, Dr. Jim Savage, at 6:03 PM.	Dr. Jim Savage Fr. Dave		
Minutes		<u><i>Motion: Dave Caron so moved the motion to accept the Minutes of November 16, 2017 as read. Seconded by Debbie Cyr. Motion carried.</i></u>	Dr. Jim Savage		

Old Business

<p>Parish Retreat</p>	<p>Parish Retreat, Lynn Pelli, Chairperson of Worship & Spirituality</p>	<p>Lynn Pelli was not present to discuss the Parish Retreat.</p> <p><u>Motion: Dave Caron made the motion to table the report on the Parish Retreat that Worship & Spirituality is working on till the next meeting. Seconded by Jim Derosier. Motion carried.</u></p>	<p>Lynn Pelli</p>		<p>Tabled Next Meeting</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> <p>1) Forming Intentional Disciples 2) Welcoming & Affirming Communities 3) Inviting People to Faith Evangelization</p> <p><u>Each of the 3 Priorities have Smart Goals.</u></p> <p>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>	<p>At this time, Fr. Dave would like to re-group our Vision participants along with the Chairperson of each of our Commissions. Father feels that it is important to review our Priority Plan and our Smart goals of the Pastoral Council. Look at what has been accomplished; for we have done well. We may want to look at one Smart Goal at a time and do it well; then move on.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith will follow up with an email to the participants and to the chairpersons of our Commissions of place and time to regroup, to come together to revisit what can be done and what has been accomplished.</p>	<p>Fr. Dave</p> <p>Janet Beckwith</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Increased Offertory Program</p>	<p>Increased Offertory Program</p> <p>Dave Caron shared that it is important to educate our parishioners on electronic giving 'We Share'. This is especially important for people who travel alot and/or are away for a certain period of time.</p> <p>Sue Dugal mentioned that 'We Share' is very user friendly.</p> <p>With 'We Share' you can adjust your weekly donation and/or donate to a specific Commission.</p> <p>Jim Derosier & other members suggested that perhaps a letter should be sent out for a campaign on 'We Share'. Explaining the steps on how to enroll with 'Screen Shots'. This idea should be brought up at the Finance Council.</p>	<p>Fr. Dave stated he will be meeting with our Business Coordinator, Martha Frank, next week and will have info on where we are at with our Increased Offertory Program. We have had a good response.</p> <p>Fr. Dave will also ask Martha Frank to post the 'We Share' donations in our Financial Section of our weekly bulletins.</p> <p>'We Share' is available on the PPB website. For those who do not have a computer, weekly withdrawals for your donations can also be made through your checking account by setting up direct withdrawal at your bank.</p> <p>It was the consensus of the Council that follow-up on 'We Share' should go to the Finance Council.</p>	<p>Fr. Dave</p> <p>Fr. Dave</p>	<p>Follow-up</p> <p>Follow-up</p>	

<p>Chairperson Church & Family</p>	<p>Chairperson for Church & Family Life</p> <p>Finding a Chairperson for the Church & Family Life Commission is ongoing.</p> <p>Chris Grover shared that although other churches are not attending the meetings; perhaps their church site is active with their Church & Family Life Commission. St. Mark's in Ashland is active and do things together and not necessarily just have certain parishioners that volunteer on Church & Family; but, volunteer on many Commissions within their church. Going to another monthly meeting may be too much to ask for.</p> <p>Fr. Dave stated that perhaps the Church Council of each church site should take care of their own Church & Family Life Commission.</p>	<p>Dr. Jim Savage mentioned that the scheduled meeting was postponed. At this time, Holy Rosary in Caribou, St. Louis in Limestone and St. Denis in Fort Fairfield are the only churches involved in the meetings held for the Church & Family Life Commission. He is hoping that other churches will be involved.</p> <p>Father also mentioned that 'geography', distance in travel, plays a big part in getting people to attend. 'Go to Meeting', video conferencing calls, skype, are tools that we may have to use. Large screen monitors with connected key board could be used in the larger churches, creating central hubs to gather and hold meetings.</p> <p>Dave Caron mentioned that before we can go to the Finance Council, we need a plan and the cost involved.</p> <p>Sue Dugal will ask her husband, Mike, to see if he can come up with a plan and cost involved in setting up video conferencing and how to best serve our needs. Tony Lahey and Tom Goetz were also mentioned as references to assist in planning, if needed.</p>	<p>Dr. Jim Savage</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Smoking</p>	<p>Smoking on Church Property</p> <p>Fr. Dave shared that in order to have a Tobacco Free Policy, it needs to be enforced. Let's try the announcement approach first for a period of time and see how that works out.</p>	<p>The Council chose to have a bulletin announcement stating to the effect that due to the health and comfort of others we ask that you refrain from smoking on church property. This announcement or one similar to it will be placed in the bulletin and the commentator will announce it from the ambo. Janet will have it on the commentator notes and will have it put in the bulletin.</p>	<p>Sue Dugal</p>	<p>Follow-up</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>'Build A Disciple'</p>	<p>Theresa Bonner, Youth Ministry Director, 'Build A Disciple' Fundraiser.</p>	<p>Theresa Bonner, Youth Ministry Director was absent and unable to make her presentation.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jim Derosier made the motion to table the report on guidelines for using fundraiser monies for the 'Build A Disciple' Fundraiser till the next meeting. Seconded by Sue Dugal. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Janet Beckwith</p> <p>Theresa Bonner</p>		<p>Tabled Next Meeting</p>

Secretary	Secretary for the Pastoral Council	<p>Barb Caron stated that if needed she will remain as Acting Secretary till the end of this season, as long as Dave's health doesn't get worse; but, will not be returning as Secretary in September, 2018.</p> <p>Corrine Routhier of Our Lady of The Lake in Portage will think about taking the position and will let the Council know.</p>	Corrine Routhier	<p>Informative</p> <p>Follow-up</p>	
New Business					
Update Small Faith Sharing	<p>Small Faith Sharing Update: Coordinator, Betty Thompson</p> <p>Dave Caron shared that Fr. Agustin did a great job at St. Joseph's in Mars Hill and Father encouraged others to lead the group. Debbie Cyr from St. Theresa's shared that they enjoyed having Fr. Agustin present and that he did a great job.</p> <p>Fr. Agustin shared that Vatican II encourages the lay people to get involved and to engage the youth. In India there are many involved in sharing their faith through Small Faith Sharing Groups. The 1st & 2nd readings for the week are used for sharing. Each group is known by the name of a Saint and the youth are engaged; the older participants support the youth.</p>	<p>Coordinator of the Small Faith Sharing Groups, Betty Thompson, shared that during the Advent Season, 8 church sites participated in Faith Sharing with 8-10 participants per group. Some Small Faith Sharing Groups are still meeting while others will start-up again for the Lenten Season.</p> <p>We have met our Smart Goal of establishing 10-12 Small Faith Sharing Groups. We also have 2 Acts groups that meet along with the Burning Bush Prayer Group. 25 leaders participated in the training session of Nov/2017.</p> <p>Janet Beckwith reminded us again that our groups are vehicles for discernment of the gifts we have. It is also a great tool to invite and encourage non participating Catholics to renew and enrich their faith.</p>	Betty Thompson	<p>Informational</p> <p>Follow-up</p>	
Church Security	<p>It was brought to the attention of the Pastoral Council that David White, the head of facilities for the Parish called Dr. Jim Savage and requested that the Pastoral Council approve the locking of Holy Rosary Church half an hour after mass starts for security reasons. This was initiated by a representative from the Diocese of Portland as a response to the recent church shootings.</p> <p>Fr. Dave has mixed feelings about this and if such a plan was implemented; it should occur at all churches. Fr. Dave would prefer to not lock church doors during mass time.</p>	<p>There was concern by the Pastoral Council Members that by locking the church doors while people are present may violate police, fire and emergency policies as well as insurance policies.</p> <p>Michael Magalski, representative of the Diocese of Portland, has been to all church sites and has recommendations for church sites that would be beneficial in case of an emergency. These recommendations have not been forwarded to our parish in writing.</p> <p>He will be conducting an Emergency Evacuation Training Session on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9-12 in the parish center. This training is for all parish staff, pastoral, finance & church council members, faith formation & youth</p>	Pastoral Council		Ongoing

<p>Grant AED Kits</p> <p>Memorial Mass</p> <p>World Marriage Day</p>	<p>The Pastoral Council as a whole felt that we should be prepared to help someone who is in need of the use of an AED device. We have many elderly in our church sites and it would be a great asset/investment. Also accessible should be gloves and masks. All first aid material should be in a visible area and clearly identified.</p> <p>Memorial Mass at St. Theresa's in Stockholm</p> <p>In the past, a basket with the name cards was presented at the presentation of the gifts with a prayer for intentions contained.</p> <p>This event takes place around the Fourth of July at their yearly barbecue.</p>	<p>ministry leaders as well as catechists, all ushers and first responders from all 10 churches. Snow date will be February 10, 2018.</p> <p>After the training, forms will have to be filled out for each site, showing plans that will be put in place for that site. These plans will be collected and given back to Michael Magalski for review and to offer assistance where needed.</p> <p>Sue Dugal will look into the possibility of grants for the purchase of AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Kits for our church sites.</p> <p>Although the material for usage of the kit is very well explained, a training class could be offered.</p> <p>Debbie Cyr has requested that a Memorial Mass be offered at St. Theresa's in Stockholm. Distribution of Mass Cards would be available for all church sites and the cost per prayer request would be \$5.00. This money would be used to help fund the upkeep of their cemetery.</p> <p>Decision is tabled till the next meeting. Father would like a chance to look into whether it is permissible to have a memorial mass for many intentions during our Sunday Liturgy.</p> <p>World Marriage Day Celebration will be held on February 9, 2018, at the Caribou Inn & Convention Center. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Social hour at 5:30 pm; buffet dinner to follow. There will also be a weekend get-away drawing to the Lucerne Inn. Tickets are available at the rectory or call the rectory to reserve. Maximum: 100 couples.</p>	<p>Sue Dugal</p> <p>Debbie Cyr</p> <p>Janet Beckwith</p>	<p></p> <p>Informational</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Tabled Next Meeting</p>
<p>Commission Reports</p>					
<p>Worship & Spirituality</p>	<p>Chairperson of Worship & Spirituality Comm., Lynn Pelli <u>*Please see Attachments of Jan. 25, 2018 - W&S Comm Minutes of Jan., 9, 2018 & Blessing of Epiphany Chalk, W&S EM Refresher Training Attendees</u></p>	<p>The Brief Report of W&S consists of their minutes of Jan. 9, 2018. The report states that 3 training sessions were held for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Many attended and the training went very well. Future training for Minister of the Word will be conducted sometime after Easter.</p>	<p>W&S Chair, Lynn Pelli</p>	<p>Informational</p>	<p></p>

Faith Formation	Catechetical Leader, Stella Carlstrom	Stella shared that the chili cook off that was scheduled for February 2, 2018 will be held on April 20, 2018. This event brings about a good turn-out and great participation. Rice Bowls have been sent to our church sites.	Stella Carlstrom, Catechetical Leader	Informational	
Youth Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry, Theresa Bonner <u>*Please see Attachment on PPB - Jan. 25, 2018 & Attached Addendum</u>	Theresa Bonner's report states that the Youth Mass is well received by the youth and other parishioners. The Youth Mass is usually held on the third Sunday of the month with full involvement of our youth. We have 7 youths that are interested in attending the Steubenville East Conference. This brings about a great and empowering experience for our youth and chaperones.	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 <u>Please see Attachment on H.O.P.E. Jan. 25, 2018</u>	The first Holy Grounds Café Fundraiser event went very well and was a great opportunity for fellowship. H.O.P.E. will not be organizing the Planet Head Day fundraising event this year. Susan Black is the contact person, hopefully, an announcement with details will appear in the bulletin.	Dot Cyr	Informational	
Pastoral Report					
Pastor: Fr. Dave		Fr. Dave stated that much has been accomplished at this meeting and really has nothing new to add at this time.	Fr. Dave	Informational	
Other Business					
Council Meeting	Pastoral Council Meetings	Dr. Jim Savage mentioned that it would be nice to hold our meeting at different sites, when the weather is warmer; perhaps, we could meet at St. Mark's in Ashland sometime this spring.	Dr. Jim Savage	Informational	
Next Meeting					
Calendar	Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018	Place: St. Mary's in Presque Isle at 6:00 p.m.	Dr. Jim Savage		
Adjournment	7:45 p.m. - A time in prayer concluded our meeting.	<u>Motion: Pete Huntress made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Derosier. Motion carried.</u>			