

St. Andre Bessette Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting

May 26, 2015

**Present:** Fr. Joe, Father Justin, Samantha Poulin, Norm Bonner, Charlotte Broeker, Darlene Livernois, Colleen Scott, Andrea Savage, Pat Tatro Cana Tighe, Jim Coughlin, Ruth Demarse, Deacon Bashaw, Pam Leduc

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Neil Seymour, Molly McKee, Mary Hart, Bob Main,

**Opening Prayer:** Prayer to Know and Love Jesus by St. Phillip Neri

**Minutes-** Were accepted as presented

**Old Business:**

- a. Parish Census: packets are being completed approximately 45% have been completed, lots of positive feedback, there is still a lot of work left to do
- b. Photo Directory: 70-75 families are participating
- c. Frassati House: Evangelization Team is still a work in progress, we have received some amazing inquiries, 9-10 have interviewed, one confirmed individual coming in August
- d. Hospitality Committee: Bob Main has been working on this
- e. Estimates for Improvements at St. Joe's: Estimates from Beardsley have been received, will be posted in the bulletin soon.

**New Business:**

- a. Stewardship report: Sunday collections are down in the Parish as well as in the Diocese. Fuel costs were reported and will be posted in the bulletin. Fuel Savings at St. Joe's was \$15,196.97
- b. Maintenance Issues: Partnership with Citizen's Advocates Inc. they will be taking over all cemeteries and cleaning 3 churches with a cost equal to or possibly less than hiring our own maintenance person.
- c. Buildings and Ground Committee: Fr. Joe requested a committee be formed to help out with B&G problems and concerns. A few possible candidates were suggested.
- d. Malone Adult Center Property: Fr. Joe has been approached regarding this property, the Council requested further information regarding this property.
- e. Gratitude for a special volunteer: Vern will be recognized on June 7<sup>th</sup> for his dedicated commitment to St. John Bosco

- f. Anniversary of the Parish: There will be Mass on Wednesday July 1, 2015 at 5:15 at St. Joe's a reception with cookies and punch will follow.
- g. New constitution and By Laws: Council discussed key points for the new Constitution and By Laws, Fr. Joe will finalize draft for Council approval and presentation to the Bishop.

**Next Meeting: June 22, 2015 at 6:30pm Notre Dame Center**

**Closing Prayer led by Father Joe**

**Respectfully Submitted**

Charlotte Broeker