

St. Andre Bessette Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting

September 29, 2014

Present: Fr. Joe, Father Justin, Sister Barbara, Sam Fazioli, Norm Bonner, Charlotte Broeker, Darlene Livernois, Neil Seymour, Wendy Cappiello, Molly McKee, Andrea Savage, Pat Tatro, Jim Coughlin, Ruth Demarse, Deacon Bashaw, Bob Main, Pam Leduc

Absent: Cana Tighe,

Excused: Colleen Scott, Mary Hart

Opening Prayer: Prayer to Saint Micheal

Minutes- July, 28, 2014 - Accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- a. Holy Harvest Festival – September 14, 2014 at Holy Family School. Ok attendance considering the weather – financial figures not quite ready.

New Business:

a) Buildings and Grounds

Notre Dame doors are being repaired.

St. Joe's office furnace needs replacement, two quotes are being considered.

b) Annual Reports

Will be ready soon, options of presenting them to parishioners are via website, Fr. Joe's column, bulletin, and hard copy. Most important points should be highlighted.

c) Fall Potluck

Possible theme for the night - St. Kateri Tekakwitha film available to be shown. Invitation could be extended to Sr. Christine Taylor, date of event November 7, 2014, dinner at 6pm and movie at 7pm.

Big Business:

a) Reactions to the new Mass Schedule

All comments from parishioners voiced or written were brought to the table by the Council and Fr. Joe, comments were discussed seriously and at great length. Negative comments outweighed the positive. After much discussion Council voted to return the Anticipated Mass from 5:15pm back to 4:00pm time slot.

b) Some Practical Matters

Winterizing St. Joe's – Engineer to come in soon to assess winterization

When to return to St. Joe's? – After discussion it was decided Palm Sunday would be an appropriate time for a re-opening celebration scheduled at 9:30am to begin Holy Week.

c) Smoothing the Transition

- **Scheduling of Liturgical Ministers, Readers, EMHC, Alter Servers, create one schedule instead of four with new scheduling software.**
- **Music – New patterns and members may emerge**
- **Ushers – Coordinating current group of ushers and recruiting new folks**
- **Greeters – Emphasis on families and bulletins before or after mass.**
- **Offertory – Presentation of gifts – greeters to canvas presenters.**
- **“Children's Church” – Successor to Children's Liturgy from 9:15am mass to be held once a month at the 11am mass on religious ed weekend involving the children as much as possible with homily geared towards them.**
- **Refreshments – January 4, 2015 – Epiphany and Feast of St. Andre(January 6)**
- **Publicity (mass schedule) – Church signs, newspapers, website, church doors, Time Warner, WICY, Free Trader, Facebook, and NCC**
- **Name Tags?**

Next Meeting: November 17, 2014 at 7pm location Notre Dame Center

Closing Prayer led by Father Joe

Respectfully Submitted

Charlotte Broeker