

St. Andre Bessette Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting

November 24, 2014

Present: Fr. Joe, Father Justin, Sister Barbara, Sam Fazioli, Norm Bonner, Charlotte Broeker, Darlene Livernois, Neil Seymour, Wendy Cappiello, Andrea Savage, Pat Tatro, Jim Coughlin, Deacon Bashaw, Bob Main, Pam Leduc, Mary Hart, Colleen Scott, Cana Tighe.

Excused: Molly McKee and Ruth Demarse

Opening Prayer: Prayer for the Courage to be Great

Minutes- September 29, 2014 - Accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- a. Reactions to the "New New" Mass Schedule
 - Parishioners appreciate the return of the 4pm time slot.
 - Grateful for information in bulletin.
 - Numbers attending mass fluctuating but no real noticeable decline
 - Some disappointment in abolishing 5:15pm attempt
- b. Fall Pot Luck (November 7, 2014)
 - Approximately 75 in attendance and well worth the effort
- c. Annual reports (November 9, 2014)
 - No reactions reported from parishioners
- d. Winterizing St Joseph's Church
 - Advised not to shut of heat completely due to plaster concerns and slab floor could heave.
 - A projection on savings with be forthcoming.
 - Estimates to follow on what it would take to solve the building issues: insulating walls and ceiling, roof issues, boiler is too small and in need of upgrade, replace carpet, sound system etc.
- e. Refreshments after masses January 3-4, 2015
 - Parish Council members will organize refreshments after Masses to kick of new schedule.

New Business

- a) Christmas Gift for Parishioners
 - Samantha Fazioli has volunteered to organize the making of wrist rosaries to give as a gift at Christmas Masses
- b) Votive Candles at Notre Dame?
 - Possible candles set up with permanent placement of St Andre Bessette Statue

c) Personnel Changes

- Sr. Barbara will be leaving in January. Sacred Heart House in Buffalo will be blessed to have her.
- Sheila Manelley will retire in January but will continue to help out.
- Marie-Claire D’Arcy has been hired and will come from Virginia but originally from North Country to take over in mid-January. She is very well qualified liturgically and musically. Sheila will assist in her transition.
- Send Off Celebrations – Party for Sr. Barbara and Sheila slated for January 10, 2014 at St John Bosco Parish Hall after 4pm Mass, hosted by Parish Council Members.
- What Comes Next – Discussion on ministries – who and how to replace the wonderful work of Sr. Barbara to best serve our parish community will continue. Fr. Joe shares ideas about a young adult evangelization team (“Frassati House”) and retreat house (“Villa Santa Croce”).

Next Meeting: January 26, 2015 at 7pm location Notre Dame Center

Closing Prayer led by Father Joe

Respectfully Submitted

Charlotte Broeker