

St. Andre Bessette Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting

January 26, 2015

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

Absent: Jim Coughlin

Excused: Molly McKee and Ruth Demarse

Wendy Cappiello has resigned via letter.

Opening Prayer: Prayer from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy led by Andrea Savage

Minutes- November 24, 2014 - Accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- a. Reactions to the New Mass Schedule
 - Some folks have been missed – most likely relocated to Bangor, likely due to mid-morning time slot.
 - St. Helen's attendance up slightly.
 - 4pm, 8am, and 11am masses all show increases in attendance.
 - Parking being an issue-possible new parking plan including painted parking lines
- b. Refreshments after Masses January 3rd and 4th
 - OK attendance, those who stayed enjoyed themselves
 - St. Helen's was very positive
- c. Send-off for Sr. Barbara and Sheila
 - Very nice gathering, well attended, both were very appreciative, great atmosphere.
- d. Estimates for improvements at St. Joseph's Church
 - Father Joe has submitted list of issues to be checked out, water temperature in boiler has been reduced, savings will be computed at the end of the season.
- e. Evangelization team/ retreat house update
 - Fr. Joe will continue to work on this project by advertising a job description for pilot people and hopefully have positive results by the next meeting for evangelization team for Frassati House.
 - Volunteer parishioners have stepped up to help with ministries.

- f. Parish census update
- Cheryl Learned and Anne Marie Weisman have met with Fr. Joe for preliminary meeting about the parish census in regards to maps, pamphlets and packets with census forms. Census could be combined with the photo directory.

New Business

- a) Establishing a Hospitality Committee
- Volunteers would organize gatherings, refreshments, parties, ect.
 - Committee will organize contacts, volunteers, donations, ect.
- b) Parish Council
- Membership (including Trustees)
 - Preparation of new Constitution and By-Laws
 - Examples of Constitution by-laws were distributed to the Council for review in preparation of constructing a new constitution for the parish.
 - A future meeting will be dedicated for this purpose.
- c) Developing a 5-year plan
- Jim Coughlin has suggested such a plan for our parish community including our goals and visions, information is to be gathered for research purposes including looking at other organizations who have developed such a plan.

Other Business:

Palm Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's to re-open the Church for the season, anticipated mass at 4pm and morning mass at 930am.

Lenten Penance Service – 2015 “Keep the Light On” – date of universal worship to be appointed by the Diocese, consideration to be given to an extended day of adoration.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2015 at 7pm location Notre Dame Center

Closing Prayer by all.

Respectfully Submitted

Charlotte Broeker