

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2016

7PM

Notre Dame Parish Center

Members Present: Fr Joe Giroux, Deacon Bryan Bashaw, Gregory Paye, Pam Leduc, Andrew Duso, Jennifer Champagne, Madonna Champagne, Judy Pelkey, Linda Sprague, Mary Haas, Jeff Scharf, Malcom Miner and Aimee LeRoy .

Excused Members: Fr Scott Belina.

Opening Prayer: Led by Fr Joseph Giroux

Review/ Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes for May 23, 2016 and June 20, 2016 were reviewed. Linda Sprague requested the last minutes by available online. A motion was carried to accept by Pam Leduc, seconded by Linda Sprague and all in favor.

It was discussed that since Andrew Duso is now a staff member his position on the council needs to be filled. It was discussed that Kathy Lane-Johnson would be asked; she had the next highest votes at the last election. Should she decline the person with the next highest votes will be asked and so on until the position is filled.

Old Business:

A. Jubilee Year of Mercy-

170 people from St. Andre Bessette Parish went to the Inspire –Called to Love summit conference yesterday in Lake Placid, we've heard very positive feedback so far. There will be a parish mission led by Fr Thomas Higman on October 22-26 2016 with masses and special evening events. The schedule will be in the weekly bulletin.

B. Gatherings and Fundraisers-

Summer and fall events went very well. Parish picnic boasted over a 100 people.

And the Ursuline Farwell was well attended and touched the Sisters. The Holy

Harvest Festival had a good response with a few unexpected costs; the bottom line is still pending at this time. There will be a “blue Mass” on Sunday October 30, 2016 to support Law Enforcement held at St Joseph’s Church. The Bishops office will be coordinating the mass as it is dioceses wide.

C. Oratories-

There is nothing new to report on Owls Head or Titus oratories. Both properties are waiting for final approval from the bishop to sell. We are preparing properties to expedite the sale through legal counsel and real estate appraisal so that when approval is obtained the sale can progress quickly. There is presently an unofficial bid of \$75,000 for the Owls Head property. More to come...

D. Culture of Vocations Committee-

We will now start comprising a core committee, then expanding when the foundation is started- Names of possible members- Sam and Paul Poulin, Wally Poupore, Joe and Kathleen Nichols, Deacon Candidates and their spouses, Pietropolies.

E. Hospitality Committee- will be responsible for receptions, greeters. Molly McKee, Jennifer Champagne, Linda Sprague, Cele Benware, Judy Pelkey, Charlotte Broker, Pat White, Leah Scott, Jane Lavigne,.

F. Building and Grounds Committee- This committee will be coordinating repairs and maintenance of church owned properties. Possible members-Vern Williams, Andrew Duso, Malcolm Miner, Jeff Scharf, Jeff LeRoy, Kevin Hart, Brent Charland, Dan Benware.

G. Finance Council- pastor and trustees, possible members- Bob Main, Tom Cardinal, Neil Seymour, Derek Champagne, Brian Hughes, Carl Sefarth, Cana Tighe.

Father Joe will reach out to people to start the recruitment for core members for each committee.

New Business-

A. New staff, new structure in the parish office. 2 new full time employees, Andrew Duso and Diane Grant. Darlene Livernois will continue working as the parish

bookkeeper but on a part time basis. Office hours will now be changing to Monday through Thursday 8-4pm with an hour off for lunch and Friday 8-12.

B. Holy Family School- Major changes this year. Enrollment is currently 97 students down from 141 last school year. There was a lengthy discussion as to the donation from our parish to help support the school. The formula was discussed as to what percentage of our weekly collection goes to the school and who makes that decision. It was questioned at what point our financial share can be changed as our parish is unable to currently continue with the large amount we are presently giving. Fr Joe will start the discussion with the superintendent Sr. Rose Coughlin. More was discussed as ideas of how to help the school. Presently there are around 40 of the 97 students registered as St Andre Parish. We are giving approximately \$250,000 yearly from weekly collections to help support the school.

C. Living Stones- Strategic planning will be used to help fill in the gaps and infiltrate our parish information we've been working on. Our goal is to complete our timeline by the end of November, have a listening session prior to our timeline to discuss parish changes in a forum for feedback and concerns to be voiced by our parish.

Listening Session- 11/14/16 6:30 Notre Dame Church

October Pastoral Council – 10/12/16 6:30 Parish Hall- will make structure for listening session and information packet

November Parish Council -11/28/16 6:30 Parish Hall

Closing Prayer- Led by Fr Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee LeRoy