

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

6:30pm

Notre Dame Parish Center

Members Present: Fr. Joe Giroux, Fr. Scott Belina, Greg Paye, Pam Leduc, Jennifer Champagne, Ruth Demarse, Andy Duso, Linda Sprague, and Darlene Livernois

Member Absent: Deacon Bryan Bashaw, Mary Hart

Member Excused: Molly McKee, Judy Pelkey, Neil Seymour, Madonna Champagne

Others Present: Samantha Poulin, Katie, Brizek, Rachel Daly, Zach Monson, and Lauren Numrich

Opening Prayer: Prayer to St. Joseph was led by Fr. Joe.

Review/Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes of January 10 and February 8 were reviewed. A motion was carried to accept meeting minutes by Linda Sprague, seconded by Pam Leduc, and all in favor.

Old Business:

a. Malone Adult Center Property - Update: The asbestos abatement has been completed and now have the certification that states this. There has been contact with the Code Enforcement Office and Highway Superintendent regarding this, which will then go to the Legislators for the approval for the County to demolition the property. With everything complete the total cost of everything for this property is as follows: asbestos testing and removal cost was \$132,638.00; cost of property was \$50,310.00; and other expenses incurred was \$8,500.00. There has been some interest in the selling of a variety of things from the building and have had some bids. There was a withdrawal of funds from the DLF Savings account in order to pay for these expenses. We still have over \$472,000.00 left in the savings account after withdrawing these most recent funds.

b. Frassati House - Update: The missionaries are continuing to do more of their events and participating in more church activities. They have all signed on for a year (fiscal year), and after discussions with all of them, it was decided that they will not be returning for another year. It was discussed that this time there will be four new missionaries instead of five, and will begin on July 1st. There was an ad that had been put online at Catholic Jobs, and have already received two applicants so far. The missionaries have agreed to stay on for a few weeks to help orientate the new missionaries. Currently in the process of writing the Constitution for Frassati House. Fr. Joe mentioned that he received an agreement with Megan Stark who will become the coordinator for Frassati House. She will help out with things and be the go between with Fr. Joe and the missionaries. There was a discussion that the parishioners have been showing more interest in what the missionaries have been doing and they have also been wondering what they do with their time especially during the day.

c. Jubilee of Mercy (December 2015-November 2016):

- **Lenten Program: Doors of Mercy** - nothing new to report

- **24 Hours for the Lord** - nothing new to report.

- **Divine Mercy Sunday** - nothing new to report.

- **Good Shepherd Sunday** - this will be held on Sunday, April 17th and will include prayers for vocations to priesthood. There will be a prayer card handed out on that day, which will also include a prayer card on the Novena Prayer for Lapsed Catholics. There was discussion of having the Top Ten Reasons to Come to Church and the Prayer of St. André put in the door bags that were left over from the census and handed out to parishioners who will then hand out to people in their community for outreach.

- **World Meeting of Families Day of Adoration** - nothing new to report.

- **Vocation Summit** - nothing new to report.

d. Parish Census - the parish had picked up 250 new households that were Catholics but were not in our parish data system. While gathering information it was found that about 1200 of the 1800 households in our system did not get a census card filled out. There will be a mailing going out to the 1200 missed households by the end of the week. The good news is that our system is getting more and more up to date.

e. Farewell to the Ursuline Sisters in Malone - haven't heard an new information regarding their farewell other than it will be on July 17th.

f. Oratories in Owls Head and Lake Titus - nothing new to report.

g. "Culture of Vocations" Committee: nothing new to report.

h. Establishing a "Grief Support Group": nothing new to report.

i. Establishing a "Hospitality Committee": nothing new to report.

j. Establishing a "Buildings and Grounds Committee": nothing new to report.

New Business:

a. Sugar on Snow Brunch: the brunch had been planned for March 20th and the venue for the brunch had been changed to St. Helen's Parish Center in Chasm Falls. There has been a great response for donations of food and have also received some donations of money (over \$400 so far).

b. Search for a new Christian Formation Director: Samantha Poulin, current Director of Christian Formation, has resigned from her position with her last day being June 30th. There has been search started to take her place, which include the placement of an ad on Catholic Jobs, in the North Country Catholic, and in our bulletin. Have already received two applications for the position. One has come from Virginia and the other from Kansas.

c. Appointing an Election Committee: an election committee needs to be appointed to help with the process. It was agreed upon that the four outgoing members on the council will be the election committee. This committee will include Ruth Demarse, Mary Hart, Molly McKee, and Neil Seymour. Madonna Champagne has agreed to remain on as the Youth Member for another year. There will be four long-term members that will need to be replaced at this time and the new members will need to be in place by July 1st. After discussion, it was agreed upon that the first step in the nominations will be on the weekend of May 7/8, which then the appointed committee members will tally, and then the ballots for the election will be handed out on the weekend of May 14/15, which will then be tallied by the appointed election committee members.

d. Parish picnic in July?: there has been some interest in putting together a parish picnic in July and having it around the anniversary of St. André. This will also be a good time for the transition of the new Frassati missionaries coming in and the other ones leaving. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that it should be held at Holy Family School on Friday, July 8th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. It will be a potluck with the parish buying the hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages.

Strategic Planning: nothing new to report at this time due to the lack of council members attendance.

Next Meeting: The next two meetings were scheduled and will be held on Monday, April 11th and Monday, May 23rd at 6:30pm at the Notre Dame Parish Center.

Closing Prayer: Prayer to St. André was led by Fr. Joe.

Respectfully Submitted
Darlene Livernois