

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2016

6:30pm

Notre Dame Parish Center

Members Present: Fr. Joe Giroux, Fr. Scott Belina, Deacon Bryan Bashaw, Gregory Paye, Pam Leduc, Ruth Demarse, Andy Duso, Molly McKee, Judy Pelkey, Linda Sprague, and Darlene Livernois

Members Excused: Jennifer Champagne, Mary Hart, Neil Seymour, Madonna Champagne

Others Present: Aimee LeRoy, Mary Haas, Nick Haas, Malcolm Miner, Brent Charland, Megan Stark, Samantha Poulin, Jim Coughlin, Fr. Bryan Stitt

Opening Prayer: Prayer to The "Secret of Sanctity" was led by Fr. Joe.

Review/Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes of March 14th and April 11th were reviewed. A motion was carried to accept meeting minutes by Linda Sprague, seconded by Greg Paye, and all in favor.

Old Business:

a. Pastoral Council Election - New Members: the new members that have been elected were welcomed (Aimee LeRoy, Mary Haas, Malcolm Miner and Jeff Scharf). They will officially take over on the Pastoral Council on July 1st. There was a thank you to the members that would be departing the council effective June 30th (Molly McKee, Mary Hart, Neil Seymour, and Ruth Demarse).

b. New Christian Formation Director hired: after reviewing the applications for 10 applicants who have applied for the position, and interviewing 2 of the applicants that were qualified, Catherin Suprenant has accepted the position. Fr. Joe and Pam Leduc conducted the reviewing of applicants and the interviewing process. Catherine is from Kansas and graduated from Benedictine College. She will start on August 1st.

c. Frassati House: had started the process of looking for new candidates, but only had 6 applicants that applied. There were two women and one man who was offered the position, but as of last Friday all 3 candidates have now declined. There was much discussion on where to go from here. There are three paths to look at: 1. set another deadline, get applications, and delay the start date; 2, take a year off and spend time reassessing things to get a better foundation and then start the employment ads in January and with a hire date of July 1st; or 3. think of it as a good experiment and there was a good run of it and not continue with it. After much discussion it was agreed upon to continue to work on the Frassati missionaries but to take the year to re-evaluate things. Will need to continue with current events and groups throughout the year until new missionaries are hired. As for making the parishioners aware of what is going on with the revamping of the Frassat missionaries, there was a few suggestions. It

was agreed upon that on the weekend of June 5th that Aimee LeRoy, Nick & Mary Haas, Megan Stark, and Pam Leduc will speak to the congregation regarding the information on the Frassati missionaries positions and the regarding the continuation of the current events and groups. On the weekend of June 12th, there will be a bulletin insert with information on one side about the Frassati missionaries and pictures and quotes on the other side. Then on the weekend of July 3rd the Frassat's will speak to the congregation from the pulpit with their farewells. Fr. Joe mentioned that the cost for the Frassat's payroll and other expenses for the past fiscal year was approximately \$38,500.00.

d. Malone Adult Center Property - Update: the building is now demolished and removal of building completed, and the topsoil and seeding is now in place. The total cost of everything for the project was \$200,917.21 (purchase of building \$50,000.00; asbestos testing and abatement \$132,638.00; demolition to include landfill and topsoil \$8,666.40; and other to include heat, electric, etc. \$9,612.81). Notes of gratitude was sent out to all the officials who helped with the process. There have been some of the materials that were salvaged sold but still have some left to sell. There will be total figures put in the bulletin for the cost and expenses incurred with the building

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

- **Good Shepherd Sunday** - this was held on Sunday, April 17th and there was a lot of materials handed out that weekend, which included a prayer card for vocations, prayer card on the Novena Prayer for Lapsed Catholics, Top Ten Reasons to Come to Church and the Prayer of St. André.

- **World Meeting of Families Day of Adoration** - this is taking place on Friday, June 3rd at Notre Dame Church. The day begins with the 12:05pm Mass, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day, and conclude with a Holy Hour from 7-8pm.

- **Vocation Summit** - continue to encourage people to sign up for the event. There have been two buses rented for that day for Malone area with a total of 108 seats. Discussion was held on whether or not to charge people a cost to help in the cost for the bus rental. Nick Hass reported that the Knights of Columbus would like to hold a dinner with the proceeds to go toward the bus cost. There was discussion on asking the parishioners for donations toward bus cost. It will be mentioned how much it would cost per person and asking people to give what they can toward things.

-**Parish Mission (October 22-26)** - Fr. Thomas Higman has agreed to speak at the Parish Mission.

d. Parish Picnic (July 8) - the picnic will be held on Friday, July 8th at Holy Family School. Brent Charland, Gregory Paye, and possibly Jacque Leduc are able to provide two big grills for the event and are able to do the cooking. There will also be a need for volunteers to help with the setting up such as the table and chairs. Between the volunteers and parish staff this will be taken care of. The parish will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages and will ask the parishioners to bring a dish to pass.

e. Farewell to the Ursuline Sisters in Malone (July 17) - Fr. Joe has spoke with Sr. Ann Peterson to coordinate things and has been told that there will be about 20 Ursulines coming. It will be held on July 17th with Bishop LaValley celebrating the 11:00am Mass. There will also be having some souvenirs printed up for the event, and the reception will be held on the lawn next to the parish center, with the parish center being used also. St. André's will be providing the fruit and cheese platters and beverages for the reception. There is a need of volunteers to help set up and to keep the platters and beverages supplied. Judy Pelkey and Samantha Poulin have agreed to help coordinate to have parishioners bake cookies, but if there isn't enough donated baked goods then St. André's will supplement the rest.

f. Oratories in Owls Head and Lake Titus - nothing new to report, but there was concern with regards to the roof at St. Mary's Lake Titus as it looks like there is some damage from the Winter.

g. "Culture of Vocations" Committee: nothing new to report, but Fr. Joe mentioned that he should be receiving more information from the Diocese soon.

h. Establishing a "Grief Support Group": the group has reconnected and will be getting together and moving ahead with things.

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

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

New Business:

a. Plowing of Cemeteries in Winter: due to the mechanical issues with the current Ford truck and what it would cost to fix it, a new Chevy truck had to be purchased. The Ford had over 127,000 miles on it, but will be trying to sell the Ford which will include the plow. The new Chevy truck cost \$33,325.00 with the cemeteries putting in \$31,100.00. Would like to now have the plowing of the cemeteries to be bidded out or to close them for the winter. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that it would be best to just have the cemeteries closed for the winter. Will make people aware of this happening around November.

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Strategic Planning: nothing new to report at this time due to the late hour of the meeting, but there was handouts given out with regards to the suggestions/comments that had come up during the compiling of the 2015 census. The handout will be looked over by everyone and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled and will be held on Monday, June 20th at 6:30pm at the Notre Dame Parish Center.

Closing Prayer: Prayer For The Courage To Be Great was led by Fr. Joe.

Respectfully Submitted
Darlene Livernois