

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2017

6:30p.m.

Notre Dame Parish Center

Members Present: Fr. Joe Giroux, Fr. Scott Belina, Deacon Bryan Bashaw, Andrew Duso, Malcolm Miner, Mary Haas, Gregory Paye, Aimee Leroy, Judy Pelkey, Jeff Scharf, Pam Leduc, Cathy Lane-Johnson, Linda Sprague,

Members Excused: Jennifer Champagne and Madonna Champagne

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Linda Bouissey, Linda Soderbaum, Marie Clare D'Arcy, Dr. William Amoriell from the Diocesan Living Stones Planning Committee and wife, Molly

1. Opening Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Father Joe.

2. Review/Approval of minutes: The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was carried to accept the minutes by Linda Sprague and seconded by Cathy Lane-Johnson. All were in favor to approve the minutes.

3. Special Presentation: The facts were reviewed that prompted Bishop LaValley to develop an Envisioning Team to help develop a plan for sustainability in the Diocese. The question arose, "Are we missing anything?"

Living Stones Committee:

A. Formation of groupings: Dr. Amoriell reviewed the June, 2016. It appeared there was voting on closing churches before it was brought to the parishioners. Some parishioners questioned the transparency of the Pastoral Council. It was noted that in bulletin notices, parishioners are always welcome to attend upcoming Pastoral Council meetings.

B. How do we make our churches more vibrant? How do we involve more leaders of lay people? The Living Stones worksheet was handed out to help us fill the gaps in the services needed.

4. Proposed Pastoral Plan:

A. Next steps: Greg Paye suggested Pastoral Council meetings be held at different church locations.

B. Final Vote: Move forward and complete the Living Stones worksheet to send in.

C. Submission to the Bishop: Yes by mid-July

5. Other Business:

A. Christian Formation:

Family Catechesis: Program materials were shared. More information will be forthcoming. We may need more volunteers (a group of leaders) to oversee families and program. Possible child care to be provided. Each family will be asked to pay \$25 to cover the cost of materials.

High School Release Time: Possibly to start in the Fall. Hope to schedule an extended lunchtime with transportation and lunch provided. Father Joe will contact Jerry Griffin to check on the status of the proposal.

B. Hospitality: Five people have signed up to go to the Hospitality workshop in Potsdam on June 3rd.

C. Buildings & Grounds/Finance

Maintenance & Staffing: Chad Charland has been hired full time. The Clean Sweep company will only take care of St. Helen's in Chasm Falls. Their prices rose dramatically. Adding a full time employee will be cheaper for the parish in the long run. A used truck was purchased to help with the plowing in the winter.

Budget: The 2017-2018 budget was reviewed.

6. Next meeting: A special meeting will be held on June 26th at Frassati House at 6:30.

7. Closing Prayer: Closing prayer was led by Father Joe.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Leroy