

St Andre Bessette Parish Council Meeting
December 11, 2018

Meeting started at 6:45 with prayer and ended with prayer at 8:00. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 6:45. Fr. Naples with leading the PC members in Liturgy of the Hours (Vespers) at 6:30.

Members present: Anne Cota, Rachel Wright, Dennis Limoges, Andre Leblanc, Becky Therrien, Fr. Paul, Fr. Naples, Sile Falworth and Rose Bathalon.

Minutes from November meeting were approved.

Review and Update Calendar

Worship:

- See bulletin or last month's PC minutes for Christmas Mass schedule
- **New Year's Mass; January 1st will be at 8:30 a.m. in SHJ and at 5:00 p.m. in SI church**

Religious Education:

- **Someone has volunteered to teach the K-1st grade students starting in January**
- Children's pageant will be right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at SHJ on December 23 with caroling and Potluck to follow afterwards in the parish hall
- March for Life in D.C. in Jan 17-18...youth interested are to register
- A one day youth retreat is scheduled to be in St. Johnsbury in February

Social Action:

- PC breakfast and blessing of the snowmobiles is scheduled for January 20 at SV hall with the Blessing of the sleds around 10:30. Any monetary donations for the breakfast will be given to help fund the Family Retreat in June. Will finalize plans for the event at January mtg. Rose will call activity director of snowmobile club with this information.
- Ladies of SV report: will host a Home Alone Dinner at SV hall on Dec.25th starting at 11:30, any help or donations welcomed
- Ladies of SHJ report: St. Andre Bessette Cookbook has been printed and for sale for \$10 each. A copy has been given to the Carmelite nuns and the sisters at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery** on behalf of the St. Andre Bessette Parish. The St. Valentine Raffle Dinner is scheduled for Feb. 10th at noon at SHJ hall. This dinner will be hosted by the ladies of SHJ to benefit the parish building maintenance fund.
- The K of C served around 55 for the December dinner at SHJ. The Knights will have devotion booklets in back of the church by anyone interested in taking them.
- Seminarian support effort: continue to collect items, to be mailed soon

Old Business:

- PC positions: no volunteer to take over as secretary hence the positions will stay as is for now
- Fr. Naples is now able to open a St. Andre Bessette checking account but still needing some more paperwork to finalize the parish's new name.
- Still needing people to volunteer to count weekly collections

- No feedback reported on Fr. Naples letter to the parishioners
- A list of volunteers for the churches has been compiled

New Business:

- St Andre Bessette's Feast Day is Jan. 6th ...planning a social after the 9:00 Mass from 10:00 to 10:30 on that day. Dennis will make donuts for the social.
- PC to help host a St. Andre Bessette Day: March 10th at SHJ hall; planning a potluck, a movie on St. Andre's life and time for sharing personal stories on how the St. Andre has influenced one's family and/or our parish community.
- World Marriage Day: Dennis and Anne plan on getting started earlier to get names and paperwork ready for the Feb 10th event

Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary Rose Bathalon