



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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Pastoral Council Meeting

August 16, 2021 @ 5:30pm

St. Andre's Outreach Center
12 Homestead Park

Meeting Minutes

<u>X</u> Fr. Steve Murray	<u>Abs</u> Jennifer Champagne
<u>EX</u> Fr. Fernando Solomon	<u>X</u> Mary Haas
<u>EX</u> Deacon Brent Charland	<u>X</u> Robert Main
<u>Abs</u> Deacon Bryan Bashaw	<u>X</u> Molly McKee
<u>X</u> Deacon Nick Haas	<u>X</u> Malcolm Miner
<u>X</u> Aimee LeRoy (Trustee)	<u>X</u> David Petrelli
<u>X</u> Jeffrey Scharf (Trustee)	<u>Abs</u> Jamie Pelkey
<u>X</u> Darlene Livernois	

1. Opening Prayer

Fr. Steve led the opening prayer of Hail Mary and Our Father

2. Review/Approval of Minutes (regular meeting of June 22nd)

The minutes of the last meeting on June 22nd were reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Main and seconded by Molly McKee to accept the minutes. All approved minutes.

3. New Business

a. 2020-2021 Financial Reports

Discussion of the Financial Reports as they are due to the Diocese by August 20th. Suggestion made by Bob Main about putting bequests that come in to be put in the bulletin. Fr. Steve feels that there can be something put in, but the amount of the bequest should not be included. There was a discussion of the Trust Accounts with the Dioceses and some questions regarding the bookkeeping of accounts when it comes to the Trust Accounts being added to the parish financial reports. There was a motion made by Robert Main and seconded by Mary Haas accepting the 2020-2021 Financial Reports and filing the reports to the Diocese. There was discussion regarding St. Vincent Thrift Store, which a report was handed out regarding their monthly intake of money. Fr. Steve feels that some of this money in that account should be sent to the Diocese and to have a new trust account set up. A motion was made by David Petrelli and seconded by Malcolm Miner that \$40,000 that is in the Thrift Store account be sent to the Joseph Morgan Trust at the Diocese to set up a new account. All were in favor.

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b. Maintenance

-- Capital Campaign

**** St. Helen's Parish Center**

The Capital Campaign project for repairing the parish hall roof at St. Helen's has been started. These charges will be paid out of the capital campaign account. Besides the roof being done on the Parish Center, Fr. Steven has also mentioned that he will be having new siding put on the Parish Center, which this will need to be paid out by the Parish as it was not a campaign project.

**** Notre Dame Front Entrance Awning**

Discussion was made by Fr. Steve regarding having an awning installed in front of the church to help protect the new steps. This structure would not be connected to the church. Fr. Steve has spoken with Superior Glass regarding their thoughts and recommendations, and discussion have taken place with Ed Olley who is currently putting together a sketch of the awning. Fr. Steve has not heard back from Ed on this sketch, but Ed has made suggestions of a company based out of Plattsburgh that would be able to do the awning.

-- Other Maintenance

There were some concerns brought up by Bob Main regarding the mowing at the cemeteries that he has heard from parishioners. Fr. Steve made everyone aware that the mowing for four of the five cemeteries is contracted out to North Star Industries. The parish maintenance staff are unable to keep up with the mowing of the cemeteries and keep up on everything else when it comes to the parish, so they had to contract this out during the summer. The parish maintenance staff does mow St. Joseph's Lake Titus Cemetery. Fr. Steve also mentioned that he had the roofs replaced on the buildings at St. Joseph's Ft. Covington Cemetery, St. Joseph's Lake Titus Cemetery, and St. John Bosco Cemetery. Fr. Steve also mentioned that he is looking into have the inside of Notre Dame Church repainted and having some different molding in some areas of the church.

c. Church Properties

-- St. Joseph's Owls Head

Fr. Steve received a phone call from Bruce Russell letting him know that the Town of Belmont has agreed to purchase the church in Owls Head. There was a discussion on whether a purchase offer has been given to St. Andre's Parish for this property. Bob Main suggested that Fr. Steve contact Bruce Russell and let him know that a purchase offer needed to be received by the Town of Belmont for the St. Joseph's Owls Head property by September 15th.

-- St. Joseph's Malone

There was a discussion with regards to the continued interested of the property with the Art Society. The Art Society is currently having fundraisers in order to come up with the money to purchase the property. There was a discussion by Fr. Steve about possibly finding a commercial realtor when it comes to trying to sell this property. Fr. Steve will be looking into this.

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d. Religious Education

Fr. Steve, Deacon Nick, Mary and Darlene met last week to discuss the religious education program. There will be a mailing going out by the end of the week to over 200 families for registration for the 2021-2022 program year. This information has been sent to the Malone Telegram to be placed in their "Back To School" section, it will be put in the bulletin, and the information will be placed on the parish website and Facebook page.

e. Other

-- Other New Business

Fr. Steve mentioned that he had met with the Bishop last week and spoke to him about the continued taping of the Sunday Mass, which he is okay that parishes are continuing to do this. Fr. Steve said that he also spoke to the Bishop about wanting to make him aware that he tentatively will be retiring at 72.

-- Discussion of Committees

Discussion was focused on chairs of the committees that were established in order to help with certain areas of the parish. The four committees that have been established were Spiritual Life Committee, Social Life Committee, Education Committee, and Buildings & Grounds Committee. The Spiritual Life Committee will be chaired by Deacon Brent and will have Deacon Nick and Deacon Bryan as assistant. The Social Life Committee will be chaired by Molly McKee and will have Jennifer Champagne and Aimee LeRoy as assistants. The Education Committee will be chaired by Mary Haas and will have David Petrelli and Deacon Nick as assistants. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will be chaired by Bob Main and will have Malcolm Miner, Jeff Scharf and Jennifer Champagne as assistants. All these committee members will also be asking and looking for volunteers in the parish to help out. These committees will meet and then they will give a report at the pastoral council meetings.

f. New Parish Center

Discussion on a new parish center. There have been concerns throughout the parish regarding whether or not we should build a new parish center. The buildings & grounds committee will meet to discuss what is and what isn't needed when it comes to a parish center, and whether it would be something that is really needed. They will come back to the pastoral council members to update them on things.

4. Old Business

Molly has been approached a few times by parishioners regarding seeing if it would be possible to get the readings and music put in the bulletins. It was discussed that there has been contact made by the bulletin company that the parish goes through regarding a new online process when submitting the bulletin that will have the capabilities of having this information easily be added to the bulletins. Hoping that this process will start soon.

5. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19th at 5:30pm at St. André's Outreach Center.

6. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Steve.