



# ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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## Pastoral Council Meeting

October 19, 2021 @ 5:30pm

St. Andre's Outreach Center  
12 Homestead Park

## Meeting Minutes

<u>X</u> Fr. Steve Murray	<u>Ex</u> Jennifer Champagne
<u>Ex</u> Fr. Fernando Solomon	<u>X</u> Mary Haas
<u>X</u> Deacon Brent Charland	<u>Ex</u> Robert Main
Abs Deacon Bryan Bashaw	<u>X</u> Molly McKee
<u>Ex</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	

Visitor: Angelo Pietropaoli

### 1. Opening Prayer

Fr. Steve led the opening prayer.

### 2. Review/Approval of Minutes (regular meeting of August 16<sup>th</sup>)

The meeting minutes of the last meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made by Malcolm Miner and seconded by Molly McKee to accept the minutes. All approved the minutes.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Maintenance

##### - Capital Campaign Projects

##### \*\* St. Helen's Parish Center (Update)

St. Helen's roof at the parish center is done but the siding is close to being completed. The storage room at the parish was leaking and there needed extra work to be done to fix this issue.

##### \*\* Notre Dame Front Entrance Awning

Fr. Steve mentioned that he has been in contact with Ed Olley who let him know that he is unable to get the material that is needed in order to do the job. He said that it could take 12 to 16 months before it can get here. But in the meantime, he will provide the sketches of the awning, and Fr. Steve will bring them to the next council meeting.

**- Other Maintenance**

**\*\* Painting of interior of Notre Dame**

It was mentioned to Fr. Steve regarding the possibility of painting the interior of Notre Dame's ceilings and walls. Discussed the need to touch of some areas to freshen things up.

**\*\* Installation of Altar from St. Joseph's**

Fr. Steve mentioned that he would like to do the installation of the altar at the same time with painting the interior of Notre Dame, and also to clean the floors professionally.

**\*\* Rewiring of Rectory**

Fr. Steve spoke about the need for rewiring of the rectory. He will have to get bids from three electricians for this job.

**\*\* Replacement of plumbing**

There are the same issues with the plumbing at the rectory as there are with the rewiring of the rectory. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will go through the rectory and see what needs to be done there when it comes to the wiring and plumbing.

There was mention that there should be a needs to the priority of things when it comes to the painting, installation of the altar, and the rewiring and replumbing of rectory by looking at the infrastructure of the rectory and the church and plan from there.

The demolition of Notre Dame Parish Center will be coming soon. The interior stuff has been removed and now just waiting for a date. Once receive a date then the windows will be removed before demolition.

Discussion was made regarding the Mass times to Christmas. It was discussed to have on the 24<sup>th</sup> a 4pm, 7pm, & 10pm at Notre Dame and 4pm at St. Helen's, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> a 9am at Notre Dame. The other option would be on the 24<sup>th</sup> a 4pm, 7pm and 10pm at Notre Dame and 7pm at St. Helen's, and on the 25<sup>th</sup> a 9am at Notre Dame. Will put the 2 options in bulletin and get everyone's opinion.

**b. Church Properties**

**- St. Joseph's Owls Head**

Fr. Steve received a call from Bruce Russell stating that the Town of Bellmont will not be buying the church in Owls Head. There has been some community interest in buying the church. There is a community meeting set up on October 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss this and they will then come and speak with Fr. Steve about their interest. This committee is currently in the process of applying for their 501.3(c) for a non-profit status. They are currently in contact with Seyfarth for the accounting of things, and they are looking into grants.

**- St. Joseph's Malone**

With the purchasing of the Church falling through, Fr. Steve had contacted CDC to become the commercial realtor of the selling of this property. CDC and St. Andre's have a signed contract now for them to start getting this property on the market to be sold. The CDC has now replaced the old reality company's signs with their signs.

**c. Religious Education**

Mary states that everything is going great currently with Religious Ed classes. There are about 40 students who have signed up for classes, with 10 for Confirmation and 10 for First Communion.

**d. Other**

**- Discussion of Committees**

A handout was given regarding the four committees that have been established and the list of chairs for each and volunteers for have offered to be on a certain committee.

**- Outreach Center**

**\*\* Monique resigned**

Monique has resigned from her position as Outreach Coordinator to take a job and BOCES. Will wait and see how things are going with not having an Outreach Coordinator for a while before filling that position.

**4. Old Business**

There was a discussion regarding a new Parish Center at Notre Dame. The Council are hearing that parishioners do not want a new parish center. Suggestions are to compile a list of pros and cons of a new parish center, and also to have an informational meeting to offer factual information about new parish center.

There was a discussion regarding wearing masks at church. It is felt that everyone needs to be consistent so greeters at the Masses may offer a mask to anyone who enters without one. Fr. Steve will speak to parishioners at church regarding wearing masks the proper ways.

**5. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at St. André's Outreach Center.

**6. Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Deacon Brent Charland.