

**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**April 1, 2019 6:30 PM**  
**Notre Dame Parish Center**

**Members Present:** Father Joseph Giroux, Father Michael Jablonski, Aimee LeRoy, Malcolm Miner, Molly McKee, Dave Petrelli, Jeffrey Scharf, Ciara LeRoy-youth member, Deacon Brent Charland, Deacon Brian Bashaw, Deacon Nick Haas, Jennifer Champagne, St Andre Bessette Parish Staff- Andrew Duso, Marie-Clare D'Arcy, Darlene Livernois, Trustees-Steve Marceau and Jamie Pelkey.

**Excused Members:** Bob Main

**Absent Members:** None

**Visitors:** Greg Paye

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

**2. Welcome to New Member: Steve Marceau**

**3. Review/Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting on January 19, 2019 of were reviewed. A motion was carried to accept the minutes by Molly McKee and seconded by Ciara LeRoy. All were in favor to approve the minutes.

**4. Old Business:**

- a. **Pastoral Plan:** Update of Sale Properties. West Street property has sold. Lake Titus property is in the courts. The Brady house has one interested party but we are holding off the offer until it can be determined if the property would add value the St Josephs property. The 0.5 acre on union Street has one person interested whom is away for the winter and will be contacted this spring. St Joseph's Church has no interested party at this time but 14 agents were sent letters and only 3 returned a proposal. Coldwell Banker offered the most resources and ideas and we are going to list with them. St Joseph's Church Owls Head, per Bruce Russell, the language is being debated on the use of the church between the Diocese and the Town of Bellmont. The Parish offices have moved to their new home at St John Bosco Church with very positive feedback. The staff did a spectacular job renovating the space. Good Samaritan Food

Pantry is open and has served 153 households in March 2019. We have received positive feedback and are looking for more volunteers.

- b. Diocesan Capital Campaign:** We are continuing to progress nicely towards our goal. And although we haven't met our goal, we have raised \$ 573,195.88 to date. This is wonderful parish support. Roof work will begin in late Spring early Summer 2019.
- c. Distribution of Sunday Bulletins:** We have received both positive and negative comments. We need more volunteers as Greeters.
- d. Update on Holy Family School:** 2 recent letters from Bishop LaValley were reviewed. The last education council meeting on 3/25/19 was discussed and many members of the council felt unwelcome and deeply hurt but the language and lack of respect to each other by the Education Council board Members and HFS staff. The board voted to keep HFS open for the 2019-2020 school year. This raised many concerns about how we are going to pay our subsidies as we are already borrowing money to pay our parish bills. Concerns were voiced that the lack of finances at HFS will cause a grave financial hardship for our parish that will jeopardize the future of our parish. As per Bishop LValley's request we have drafted a proposal for HFS Benchmarks. These were discussed at length with concerns the goals need to be presented ASAP to ensure the school has as much time as possible to achieve success. A motion was carried to accept these benchmarks by Aimee LeRoy and seconded by Mary Haas. All members present agreed unanimously.

## **5. New Business:**

**Membership:** 5 members terms will be expiring this summer, Aimee, Ciara, Jeff, Malcolm and Mary. All have agreed to continue another term except Mary who would like time to think about it.

**Next Meeting will be May 13, 2019, 6:30pm, Notre Dame Parish Center**

**Closing Prayer** led by Fr Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aimee LeRoy  
Secretary