

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 21, 2020 5:00pm
Notre Dame Church

Members Present: Father Medenel Angrand, Aimee LeRoy, Malcolm Miner, Molly McKee, Dave Petrelli, Deacon Brent Charland, Deacon Nick Haas, Mary Haas, Deacon Bryan Bashaw, Jeffrey Scharf, St Andre Bessette Parish Staff - Darlene Livernois, Trustees - Dan Benware

Excused Members: Father Mike Jablonski, Fr Steve Murray, Jennifer Champagne, Bob Main, Jamie Pelkey

Absent Members: none

Visitors: Barbara Winthrop-Benware

1. Opening Prayer: Opening prayer led by Deacon Brent Charland

2. Review/Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting on July 20, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes by Molly and seconded by Danny. All were in favor to approve the minutes.

3. New Business:

a. Outreach Center Updates: After 11 months of reconfiguring and restructuring the Outreach Center things are progressing nicely. St Vincent Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Parish Offices, Catholic Charities and Families R Us are all moved in.

b. Maintenance: Notre Dame painting will be completed in the next few weeks. Notre Dame steps will begin the replacement process in the next few weeks. Weekend Masses may have to be moved to St John Bosco while the steps are being placed.

c. Church properties: St Joseph's Owls Head – Belmont board meeting will be held tonight to discuss the purchase of the property. St Joseph's Malone has sold for \$425,000. St John Bosco will continue to house the Soup Kitchen until Nov/Dec 2020. The 8 Homestead Park property is just waiting for Jason Ellis' lawyers to finalize the sale. The 47 Beman Street was sold 2 weeks ago, the car is going to the Diocese of Ogdensburg to a seminarian.

d. Annual Reports: Will be placed in the bulletin this week

e. Cabrini Grant: We have completed our application and have sent it in. This grant will help to keep offset of new windows at the Outreach Center and to keep the Soup Kitchen going.

f. Altar at Notre Dame: Altar work is being put on hold until Fr Steve returns.

g. Religious Education: Interviews are being scheduled for children to make their First Communion. All religious education classes will be remotely done except for students making their First Communion or Confirmation. More to come on a start date.

h. Other: There was a discussion about helping with remote or hybrid learning. Follow up with the dioceses is forthcoming. In light of Fr. Steve's absence, several projects are being placed on hold including the refurbishing of the St Joseph's Altar and the new parish center. Deacon Brent Charland was appointed by Bishop LaValley in Fr Steve's absence to assist in running the parish with the Bishop's guidance. There has been a recent interest in buying St John Bosco. The parish trustees have agreed to proceed the process of removing St John Bosco Church from oratory status. Motion was accepted by Jeff and seconded by Molly. All were in favor. Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is being cancelled due to COVID-19. There was discussion about way to provide meals/gift cards to people in need.

4. Old Business: Garage Sale will be Sept 26-Oct 3rd 2020 at the Outreach Center.

Next Meeting will be November 9, 2020 5:00pm, Notre Dame Church

Closing Prayer led by Deacon Brent

Respectfully Submitted,
Aimee LeRoy
Secretary