

OUR LADY OF HOPE PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes –November 12, 2015

Present: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J., Cindy Russell (Acting Chair), Kristen Connelly, Sr. Claire Pouliot, Andy Litcher, Rob Kennedy Jensen, Andy Litcher, Mike Pizzo, Bill Burke

Excused: David Reese, Mike Pizzo, Mary Cafazzo, Bill Burke

Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J. led the group in opening prayer

Minutes – October minutes were approved & accepted

Updates:

● **Property updates & proposals**

- 1) Tree trimming is being done here at St. Joseph for safety reasons
- 2) Dicon has been contracted to fix the front cement steps of St. Joseph's next spring
- 3) A gift in the amount of \$20,000. was given to the Parish for repairs at St. Joseph's
- 4) A proposal to improve/replace the lighting in the entire St. Joseph church as well as the Sacristy has been requested but no formal contract is in place as yet.

● **Spring Fundraisers** – The Events Committee is planning a **February Valentine's Social** Saturday, February 13, 2016. Pricing will be \$8 per person, \$15 per couple.

April 9, 2016 there will be a **Mystery/Dessert or Dinner Theater night**. Details will be finalized at the January meeting.

● **Community Lunch** for January 15, 2016 will be hosted by this Council. Details will be discussed at next month's meeting.

● **St. Brigid School** is doing great. The Wreath Sale that the school is having is on their Website.

● **Haiti Project** – Fr. Paul reported that only about 4 or 5 people attended the informational meeting presented by Bill & Ursula. There was no feedback from the people that did attend this meeting. Result – No interest at this time.

Purpose/Direction of Pastoral Council

Not a Managing Group – **Is** a Visionary Group long range. What is God asking us to do?

?s -- 1) What is God inviting us to do as a Community parish? 2) What/how do we see this Community growing as a parish & school? A small informational discussion was held among the Council members regarding the connection between the school & parish. Fr. Paul asked the Council members for some reflective feedback @ next month's meeting after a month of reflection on this subject. If our mission is God's work, God will sustain us & grow the Parish.

New Business:

● **Advent/Christmas Schedule**

A) Christmas Memorial Lighting will take place @ 3:50PM, just prior to the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass at both St. Joseph Church & the Fr. Hayes Center

B) "Midnight Mass" will be @ 10PM

C) Twelfth Night Celebration - January 9, 2016 @ 5:30PM in the Parish Hall at St. Pius X. This celebration will be a festive close to the Christmas Season with a Potluck Supper, singing, entertainment & a good-will offering. Will need to have an RSVP list in order to know how many to set up for.

D) The Light is On For You – Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, December 8th, 9th & 10th @ St. Pius X from 6-7PM.

- **Book Read** – There will be an insert going into the bullet this weekend to see what kind of interest there is for this.

- **Stain Glass Window Donation** – Sue Bernard has requested a Stain Glass Window from St. Patrick's church for the Hospice facility in Presque Isle, Me. Sue will incur all the costs for this to happen if agreed to. Council agreed to donate the window. Fr. Sullivan now needs to send a letter to the Bishop asking for approval to donate this window to Sue Bernard.

- **Breakfast with Santa** – December 6th in the Fr. Hayes Center following the 8AM Mass

- **Advent Taize Service** – December 18th @ 7PM at St. Pius X. Fr. Sullivan, S.J. gave a description of a Taize Service. A small discussion ensued.

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month – **December 10th** @ 7PM in the Parish Office Rectory

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McCormack