

OUR LADY OF HOPE PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes –December 10, 2015

Present: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J., Sr. Claire Pouliot, Mike Pizzo, Andy Litcher, Rob Kennedy Jensen, David Reese, Mary Cafazzo, Bill Burke

Excused: Cindy Russell (Acting Chair), Kristen Connelly,

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

Minutes – November minutes were approved & accepted

Updates:

- **Meeting Dates** – 2nd Thursday of the Month—January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14
May 12 & June 9.
- **Property Updates:** Mary reported that tree work had been done November 28th. A tree was removed & limbs were cut from other trees on the boundary line.

The Ramp for St. Joseph's Church entrance has been completed. The rail was fixed at the same time. Painting of the rail, ramp & stairs will be done in the spring.

Mary is waiting for a quote to update the lights in the Sacristy in St. Joseph's church.

There is a contract with Dicon to replace the cement stairs in front of St. Joseph's church.
- **The Events Committee** did not meet in December so their report is the same as last month.
- **Community Lunch** for January 15, 2016 will be hosted by this Pastoral Council. Council Members decided on a menu of Corn Chowder, Bread, Salad & Dessert. Help will be needed at 11AM to set up and to serve @ Noon. Approximately there are 50 – 60 who attend this lunch.
- The Commission to the Apostles by Christ Window from St. Patrick's Church was approved by Bishop Deeley to go to a hospice center in Presque Isle, Maine. Sue Bernard was so grateful & thankful to all who made this happen.
- **School** - Bill Burke reported that the Staff & Teachers will continue with their formation building with a retreat in the spring. There is a lot of energy from the students and all staff at the school during this advent/Christmas season. Catholicism is thriving at the school. Trying to connect school & parish with more joint activities.

Continuing Business: After several months of reflections here are some thoughts for reaching out to the parishioners:

- **Parish Photo Directory**
 - To be coordinated by the Pastoral Council together as a whole. **At the next meeting, Council will be asked to commit to this project or not.**
 - No out of pocket cost for parish
 - To be done on line with a secure & reputable company

- Put a piece in the bulletin to see if there is any interest from the parishioners
- If there is interest, Mary will have the company come in & present their project

- **Media Connection** thru Daily Blog or Facebook

New Business:

Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J. asked the members what their thoughts were about a name change for the bulletin. Instead of Our Lady Of Hope Parish, it would be Our Lady Of Hope Parish uniting the families of St. Joseph, St. Patricks & St. Pius X. A small discussion ensued. Consensus was to use Our Lady of Hope Parish only.

Fr. Paul reported that the Sound System has been improved @ St. Joseph.

Some suggestions: Use Greeters @ all the Masses; do all the lighting at St. Joseph.

It was acknowledged that the Knights of our Parish do a lot for our local community and our parishes.

Pope Frances has declared this the Year of Mercy. Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J. handed the Council Members a list of ideas from the Bishop's Office re: the Jubilee Year of Mercy and suggested that we do 1 or 2 projects from this list. **Bring these suggestions to the next meeting for discussion.**

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month – **January 14th** @ 7PM in the Parish Office Rectory

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

Respectfully submitted, Linda McCormack