

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

In attendance: M. Colombo, L. Ouellette, D. Ouellette, D. Murphy, B. Sawyer, J. Bacon, D. Rousselle, and E. Kiley

Staff in attendance: D. Blackwell, C. Houston, & R. Smith.

Guest: Kurtis Grant and Marla Blackwell

Fr. Fred opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Fr. Fred** proposed that we keep the current officers in place. Dan Rousselle **moved** the motion and Bill Sawyer **seconded** and all were in favor.

**Meeting Schedules:** Fr. Fred suggested alternating months for meetings with the Finance Council. He also would like to schedule a joint Finance and Pastoral Commission meeting per year to be held around budget development time. He also proposed to change the meeting day from Monday to Thursday. A discussion followed on the viability of this. Dan **moved** and Leo **seconded** to move the meeting day to alternating months on Thursdays. Fr. Fred will inform members of the next meeting date.

**New Members:** Three new members are needed on the council. All members were asked to think about and suggested possible candidates to fill these three positions. The council would like to include young members and members with families to this body. Mary asked for two volunteers to work on this. Bill volunteered to look for new members and Kurtis offered to help. This will also require changes to the by-laws. Diane and Donna offered to work on the changes and will bring proposals to the next meeting.

**CLI:** Fr. Fred explained that CLI was a three-year program that Bishop Deeley brought into the Diocese. This is offered to staff but could include the Pastoral Council. It focuses on working and communicating together as a parish and with each other. An upcoming part of the program involves Disciple Maker Index, which will involve all Diocesan Parishes, and can be used by Councils to create goals. At this time, it is uncertain how similar or different the Index will be from the survey we administered to parishioners previously.

**Liturgical Changes:** Fr. Fred explained some of the changes that will take place the first Sunday in Advent. For example the Lector will carry the Book of the Gospels in and place it in a stand on the altar, but the lector will not process out. There will be changes in differentiating between Eucharistic ministers and lectors. Improving the collection of any second collection is another goal. Fr. Fred will have a meeting with the ministers following a Mass in the upcoming future.

**Parish App:** Kurtis explained the new Parish App program offered through the Diocese that is free. The App has calendars and Kurtis can connect this to the website. More information will follow as it becomes available.

**Parish Life Conference:** Mary encouraged members to attend the Parish Life Conference sponsored by the Life Long Faith Formation Office in Lewiston on October 1. There are workshops for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, music people as well as catechists.

**Diocesan Pastoral Council:** Mary spoke about Suzanne LaFrienier, the diocesan Director of Public Policy, who presented to the recent Diocesan Pastoral Council. She is available to give a presentation on Forming

Conscience for Faithful Citizenship, a topic that is very important for this election season. She asked if members thought we needed this type of presentation. Fr. Fred agreed to invite Suzanne to the parish.

Mary will let everyone know when the next meeting will take place.

The meeting closed with prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Opening prayer volunteer for the next meeting: Deacon Darrell

Closing prayer volunteer for the next meeting: Elizabeth Kiley

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosanne L. Smith