

## CLUSTER SEVEN

Our Lady of the Snows and St. Agnes Parishes  
Minutes of Finance Council/Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by John Waluk, Chairperson, and the opening prayer was offered by Father Dube.

PRESENT: Finance Council - Father Dube, John Waluk, Ed Oakes, John Parola, Joe Kinney, Scott Olsen and Rena Hodgins. Absent: Ken Dechaine. Pastoral Council - Father Dube, John Waluk, Ed Oakes, Moe Pare, Pat Ouellette, Heidi Kinney, Louise Dulac, and Rena Hodgins.

Minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed and, on a motion duly made and seconded, were accepted as presented.

October Financial Report - Our Lady of the Snows: Offertory remains below budget projections. Even removing the nearly \$60,000.00 in capital expenditures, ordinary expenses still outweigh income by a large amount. The savings accounts have been substantially depleted.

October Financial Report - St. Agnes: Offertory remains below budget. However, total revenue is nearly \$600.00 ahead of budget. We have had some unexpected expenses which were not budgeted for but we have been able to cover them without going to savings.

Attendance reports: St. Thomas counting sheets are unavailable at this time. Attendance at St. Agnes has slowly increased.

COMMISSION COUNCIL REPORTS: St. Thomas: Scott Olsen reported that two people attended the recent meeting. Communication issues are a concern. They discussed the possibility of shortening a couple pews in the front of the Church to allow better access for caskets. Further discussion will follow with Father and carpenters. Also discussed was the possibility of installing a bathroom in the Sacristy. It was reported that the monthly Community Meal is off to a good start with more people attending than anticipated.

St. Anne: John Parola reported that the second meeting went well. Again, communications to parishioners was discussed. A suggestion was made that Christmas and Easter cards be sent to parishioners. Father noted that Christmas cards will be sent to all registered parishioners in the Cluster. Also, it was suggested cards be sent to shut-ins which is also being done. There was an interest in having monthly coffees or dinners and more opportunities to gather as a community.

St. Francis: Ed Oakes reported that several people gathered and had a general conversation. A Faith Formation group has been established and is going well. They are in need of new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers. The memorial candles for recently deceased was well received. Ed thought that a "thank you" should be extended to all who organized the Christmas

Fair and to those who supported the fund raiser. A thank you letter has been or will be included as a Bulletin insert.

St. Agnes: John Waluk reported that the sidewalk to the side entrance of the Church has been repaved. Several windows in the Parish Center are due to be replaced to remedy water leaking into the building. Rena Hodgins read the Minutes of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. A copy of the Minutes is attached for further reference.

Other Business: None

Closing Comments: Father Dube reported that Father Rice was unavailable to say a Healing Mass for the Cluster during Advent. He noted that 14 youth and 3 adults will be attending the Journey Retreat at St. Dom's this coming week-end.

Father also distributed several schedules as follows: Retraining of Eucharistic Ministers, The Light is On for Advent, and the Mass schedule from Thanksgiving through the New Year. All of the dates will appear in the Bulletin. There will be re-training for altar servers and lectors sometime after the first of the year.

Kim Wick has resigned as the Cluster Faith Formation Coordinator. It has been decided that the position will not be filled at this time. We will continue to review the situation and have further discussion on how to proceed as time goes on.

The Year of Mercy will be commencing on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Deeley will be blessing several sites in the state as pilgrimage sites. There will be a service at St. John's in Bangor on December 12<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in attending.

Father initiated a discussion concerning a Cluster Picnic for next summer. It was the consensus that sometime in the month of July would be best. He will see what spaces are available for such an event.

Finally, Father would like to meet with both the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council after Christmas for a Pot Luck Supper. The time and date were established: Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. The exact location is yet to be determined.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:00 PM at St. Anne Parish Center. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. with a closing prayer offered by Father Dube.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena T. Hodgins  
Secretary

