

DATE: 17 MAY 2015

RE: PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

From the Parish Council:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Ixon, Deacon Ray Doucette

Terry Beecroft, Gene Cote, Maureen Donahue, Miriam Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Carol Casey, Diane and Ed Mills, Jolene O'Brien

From the Holy Family Finance Council:

Mary Bartley, Jacque Phelon, Alisa Cote, Patrick Willwerth

From the Star of the Sea Parish Finance Council:

Don Beaulieu, George Port, Richard O'Brien

Also in attendance were Tom LeBlanc (HFP) from the Plan Writing Team, and Patrick Krisak, the Archdiocese Evangelization Consultant.

The meeting on the 17th was held at the Holy Family Parish Lower Church. It started with an opening prayer provided by Carol Casey.

Fr. Scott spoke about the Disciples in Missions Index. Only a small percentage of the parishioners submitted their survey. The Pastoral Plan Writing Team will be reviewing results and preparing a brief summary for parishioners. Plan on having the survey repeated in a couple years.

Fr. Scott gave us an update on the Pastoral Writing Training sessions. Most of the attendees found that the second session was a little more understandable as the topics were presented in a single manner instead of all at once. Fr. Scott mentioned that the next session would be held at Saint Dorothy Parish in Wilmington on June 9th.

Don Beaulieu from the Finance Council spoke about the Finance Year in Review.

The finances in each parish are relatively stable. There will be a salary adjustment for the staff.

It was decided that there would be a 70/30 division for joint expenses, chiefly staff salary and benefits.

There will be a year-end finance report and FY16 budget available in the fall. In future budgets (FY17 and beyond), we will be considering using a similar cost-sharing for other shared expenses, namely rectory and the Parish Center utilities.

Fr. Scott handed out an Overview of the Year for the Living Water Catholic.

The areas where changes have been made are Communications, Councils and Teams and Staff.

We know have a new website, started a FaceBook page and started 'tweeting'.

Fr. Scott updated us on the upcoming events:

May 31<sup>st</sup>, HFP Hall, coffee social after the 7:30 and 10:30 am masses.

June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, Amesbury Landry Stadium, Holy Family Parish Relay Team

July 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Missionaries of Divine Word

July 29<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Night at the Red Sox Game

Next meeting to be held on June 25th at the Star of the Sea Father Morgan Hall at 5:45pm.

Refreshments to be provided by Carol Casey.

Dianne Mills will provide opening prayer and Maureen Donohue will provide closing prayer.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer provided by Terry Beecroft.