

Meeting Minutes of the Pastoral Council
Saint Francis Xavier Church
130 U.S. Route 133
Winthrop, Maine 04364
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A meeting of the Pastoral Council was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Members Present:		Members Absent:	
Fr. Lou Phillips		Kelly Duquette	Finance
Fr. Brian Blanchette		Bill Webb	Vice-Chair
Christine Arsenault	Chair		
Lori Gray	Church Life		
Gary King	Family Life		
Maryalice Crofton	Worship and Spirituality		
Jenora Schultz			
Connie Godfrey	Secretary		

Parishioners & Guests: None

The meeting started at 6:50 with a prayer.

This meeting did not follow the usual meeting procedure. This was an informal gathering of the council. Fr. Lou spoke to us about St. Michael's parish. He answered questions about our role as part of St. Michael.

St. Francis is still a separate parish with Fr. Lou as its Pastor. We are not officially or canonically part of St. Michael's parish yet. The merger of St. Francis will be done by July of 2,010 or sooner. St. Francis will be one of eight worship sites.

Nancy Yocono and Lorraine Cottrell represent St. Francis on St. Michael's Pastoral Center Staff. Fr. Brian and Gary King represent us on the Financial Council. However, as a Vicar, Fr. Brian can no longer serve on the Financial Council. We need to find another person to fill that position.

St. Francis continues to have a separate budget. Until the official merger with St. Michael, collection money stays at St. Francis. Responsibility of our finances is with David Alexander the Parish Business Coordinator at St. Michael's.

OUR ROLE:

We need to dialogue with St. Leo. We should have collaborative sessions with St. Leo's Council on our way to merging with St. Michael.

We need to invite Gail Gould, the Pastoral Life Coordinator, to one of our council meetings. We can orient her as to what has been happening at St. Francis. We also need to talk about what we might want to do in the sanctuary in the few months.

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Lori and Jenora will attend a St. Michael's Pastoral Council meeting.

Gail will be holding a workshop on September 27, from 10:00 to 12:00, at St. Francis. This will be held for all those who exercise a liturgical ministry at St. Francis and St. Leo churches. She will be introducing new directives in the liturgical procedures. We need to be uniform in each of the churches.

NEXT MEETING:

November 1st after All Saints Day Mass

Closing prayer at 8:10

Respectfully submitted by Connie Godfrey - Secretary