

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 Thursday, November 1, 2007

Members Present:	Members Absent:	
Fr. Lou Phillips	Kelly Duquette	Finance
Fr. Brian Blanchette	Gary King	Family Life
Fr. Ralph Boisvert	Lori Gray	Church Life
Christine Arsenault	Chair	
Gail Gould	Pastoral Life Coordinator	
Maryalice Crofton	Worship and Spirituality	
Jenora Schultz		
Connie Godfrey	Secretary	

Parishioners & Guests: None

The meeting started at 6:40 with a prayer.

COMMISSIONS:

Family Life: Connie reported for Gary. The October potluck dinner was a huge success. Most of the clergy was present. A number of St. Michael's parishioners also attended.

Worship and Spirituality: Mary Alice reported that the commission is meeting on Monday (Nov. 15) to set up a schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are also recruiting for altar servers.

THE ROLE OF ST. FRANCIS

The council continues to meet to address local concerns. We will not replace persons who are no longer members. Commissions will stay put.

Parishioner Russ Cotnoir is a member of St. Michael's Pastoral Council. St. Francis council members Lori and Jen also represent us at these meetings. They have the option of attending alternate meetings or both being present and one of them can vote.

Father Lou expressed that it is very beneficial to have St. Francis representation on St. Michael's pastoral council. The pastoral council will discuss the future of St. Stanislaus chapel at its next meeting.

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HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD?

St. Francis Xavier will fuse with St. Michael's parish by July of 2010. The possibility exists that we could complete this merger before 2010. We need to work with St. Leo to plan our journey towards this union. We will invite St. Leo's council members to join us at our next meeting. We want to set up a time line to help us move in the direction of merging. Part of the process is to hold information sessions with parishioners.

NEXT MEETING:

January 15, 2008 at 6:30

Closing prayer at 8:20

Respectfully submitted by Connie Godfrey - Secretary