

**Notes from the Liturgical Music Directors Meeting held at Saint Genevieve Parish Hall, East Chezzetcook, Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 7:30 pm.**

Present: Fr. Vincent with representatives from the former Saint Anne, Margie Comeau, Winnie Radcliffe; former Saint Anslem, Wanda Richard, from Saint Genevieve Mary Colford, Joyce Crowell; former Saint Philip Neri, David and Sharon Riel.

The meeting was opened with prayer said by Dave Riel.

Fr. Vincent welcomed those present. Encouraging those present to always try to do our best in seeking a way forward in our New Parish and the entire Archdiocese.

Remember our calling and mission – nothing can disconnect us from the Lord.

“When the going gets tough the tough get going.” Fr. told us of Saint Therese of Lisieux and her encounter with the devil. Saint Therese told the devil that he (Satan) was limited in his power against the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Fr. Vincent urged us to “keep this in mind always.”

There are three scheduled weekend Masses which will continue for some time.

Wanda suggested that we open it up for three choirs, one for each of the 3 Masses.

David spoke of in his experience that each Mass will take on its own character becoming a little community unto itself.

Fr. Vincent asked for volunteers to be Choir Leaders.

Wanda questioned winter travel on the East Chezzetcook Road. She also suggested that Mass should never be cancelled because Fr. lives beside the church and maybe there would be two or three that would make to Mass.

After some discussion the Choir Leaders were identified.

Saturday 4pm Mary Colford and Joyce Crowell

Sunday 9am Darren\* and Wanda Richard

Sunday 11am Dave and Sharon Riel

- Not confirmed

A notice for the Bulletin and for announcements to be made, requesting anyone interested in “making a joyful noise to the Lord” that there would be a choir at each of the weekend Masses. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join one of the three.

There will be sign up sheets for each of the three Masses for name and contact info.

Wanda spoke of Darren's wish to have a special choir for "High Holy Days". Fr. Vincent agreed that at Christmas and Holy Week it would be wonderful to have such a choir. That would be for the future.

With approval from the Archdiocese, it is hoped that the "Organ" presently located at Saint Anne, will be moved to Saint Genevieve. Winnie spoke of the need to use professional movers from Dr. Piano for this move.

Wanda expressed her concern regarding "projecting" Mass responses. In general, the need for projection, the location of the screen, etc., etc.

David spoke of his concern, particularly of many from his former faith community of Saint Philip Neri. That are still not in a place where they are ready to come together in a new environment. Possibly the same for many others.

Diane made a statement that there should only one ministry for one liturgy. Fr. Vincent made it a point to say that he was fine with Music Ministers being Lectors at the same Mass. Fr. Vincent has suggested flexibility in Ministries.

Margie spoke with concern about Funerals and Music. The consensus was that whoever was available from the three choirs would come together for the funeral. It is hoped that in due time there will be a Funeral Committee formed.

There was considerable discussion about individuals from the former faith communities, who performed various services in the past, who are not known to everyone. We will have to work diligently to encourage those individuals to come forward. Everyone is needed to help us all grow in faith in this new reality.

A start up date for the three choirs will be the weekend of September 14 -15, 2019.

Fr. Vincent spoke of his desire to introduce Children's Liturgy once a month and eventually a Children's Choir. This will be a project for the future.

Fr. Vincent acknowledged the commitment of those present and once again encouraged us to be open as we move forward.

Wanda closed the meeting with prayer while Fr. Vincent blessed us and sent us on our way at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Nolet  
August 21, 2019