

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2010
St. John the Evangelist

<u>Attendance:</u>	Judy Brawley, Fr. Brian Carpenter, Robert Crego, Carol Haefner, Joanne Insull, Karin Kellogg, Rena LaBue, Laurie Maier, Marty Moynihan, David O’Keefe, Janice Plummer, Kay Reagan, Karen Rinefierd, Fred Rion, Jr., Fr. Bob Schrader, Sr. Marlene Vigna, Fr. Bob Werth, Zoe Johnson
<u>Excused:</u>	Doug Nordquist
<u>Absent:</u>	Joe Dilal
<u>Scribe:</u>	Goldie Rogers (for Theresa (Terri) Perticone)

Meeting opened at 8:07 pm.

Announcement: Council members were saddened to hear of the death of Rita Koomen who had been present at the meeting in February where her husband read a letter at Open Forum. A card was received from Terri Perticone expressing her appreciation for the prayers and well-wishes that she had received from Council.

➤ **Opening Prayer – Bob Crego**

As part of the intentions within the prayer, the question came up on how to deal with people who are struggling with their faith. Members felt there is no one way to handle this, just be there to support them and show them that you are confident in your own faith.

➤ **Approval of February Minutes and April Agenda – Joanne Insull**

A motion was made by Fr. Bob Schrader and seconded by Marty Moynihan to accept the minutes with minor corrections.

A motion was made by Fr. Bob Schrader and seconded by Rena LaBue to accept the agenda.

➤ **Open Forum**

Liz Webster brought her concern that the Diocese is moving away from inclusive language; showing equality to women – i.e. not using humankind for mankind. She thanked Council for listening and hoped that more attention could be given to this matter in the future.

Members felt that strides have been taken to use inclusive language; it is a sensitive issue. In the Catholic Church, men and women do not have identical roles.

Fr. Brian felt that liturgically speaking, it has to be read as written but that God is used instead of Father. Fr. Bob S. agreed it was a sensitive issue but felt we were doing well – just trying to hit the middle road.

➤ **Councilors Concerns**

Marty reported that Faith Formation Committee has been working hard to promote Sr. Helen Prejean’s two presentations scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010. This event is being co-sponsored by Peace of Christ Parish and The Gene Bennett Program for Life Long Learning at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. The movie “Dead Man Walking” will be shown Friday evening, April 30, at St. John the Evangelist site - adults, no children please. Marty asked that all Council members

personally invite someone to attend as a means to further promote this event. Fr. Bob W. asked if someone would be in the Church Hall if there were any questions or need for more information following the movie.

Fr. Bob W. mentioned that the Compeer Group will be using our facilities for a movie on the Mentally Ill on Thursday, April 29 6 – 9 pm.

Janice brought up a request from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish-based brotherhood which does community service, to host some of the coffee hours after Masses to promote their organization. It was felt we needed more information before presenting it to the contact person at each site.

➤ **Nominating Committee Report – Rena LaBue**

Rena passed out a schedule listing the dates for the first bulletin announcement on Sunday, April 18 through the drawing of the names on May 23. Ballots will be in the pews for 3 weekends, from 4/24 to 5/9. The committee members are: Rena, Karin, Carol and Marty.

➤ **Covenant Approval – Rena LaBue**

Changes have been made. Fr. Bob S. made a motion to accept. It was the consensus of Council to accept the Covenant for the year.

➤ **Vision Statement Update**

Community Outreach Day – Joanne

Four projects proposed:

- 1) Tasks in Winton-Culver area
- 2) Repair of paving stones around home of Ann Kurz
- 3) Community Place – work at 122 Parsells Avenue
- 4) ESWA – painting and outside clean-up

Marty has met with Liz Martin, the representative from Community Place. They have purchased this property on Parsells Avenue and hope to get it into shape to be used as a rental property. (They are buying property in the area where possible to help stabilize the neighborhood.) The house is in need of painting, electrical repairs, some carpentry, and yard work. They hope to do some prep work in advance. The undertaking would most likely be more than could be done in a day – but hopefully some volunteers might continue to help after the Outreach Day.

There will be posters at the different sites with sign-up sheets. The workers will meet at 8:30 am at Dailey Hall for prayer, coffee, and will take a boxed lunch and drink with them. It is hoped that all expenses will be drawn from donations and a fund already set up.

Small Christian Communities – Sr. Marlene

A form is being sent out for input to see if they wish to continue – it is our hope that they will continue beyond the Lenten season – perhaps a configuration might be indicated.

Break – Fr. Bob S.’s anniversary of his ordination and birthday were celebrated with song and cake.

➤ **Finance – Fr. Bob S.**

The financial/attendance report was distributed. Fr. Bob asked that Council members take it home, look it over, and if there are any concerns, bring it to his attention or a member of Finance Committee. It is anticipated that there will be one more CMA mailing.

➤ **By-Laws – Fr. Bob S.**

Fr. Bob S. explained the procedure and the need for by-laws. Each parish is a separate corporation – a safety measure in legal matters; necessary in order to be legal in New York State. Please review the by-laws.

➤ **Urban Ministry – Karen Rinefield**

The Advisory Council is making up a recommendation to present to the Bishop. Fr. Panepinto has invited our staff to look over their facilities later in April and we will meet with them and answer any questions they may have.

Fr. Bob S. said there will be a meeting of the local North Winton Village Association at the Baptist Church on Culver Road on April 19 at 6:30 pm.

A public hearing on Donuts Delite will be held at City Hall the same evening on their proposal for outside seating, signage and a drive-through.

Karen R. said the proposal has been made to the Bishop to merge five churches into one parish. Also, that the closing of St. Thomas the Apostle is being heard in Rome. (It is a very difficult and painful closing.)

Fr. Bob S. said that pastors meet regularly with the Bishop and hear proposals from the Planning Group and have the opportunity to express their views before the Bishop makes his decision.

Regarding the status of St. George’s, it appears that a proposal is being considered for a move to Our Lady of Lourdes. As indicated previously, the handicapped-accessibility issue was a drawback for St. James site.

➤ **Summary – Joanne Insull**

Review: Open Forum – Inclusive language; Faith Formation Report; Approved Covenant; Vision Statement Update; Financial Report; By-Laws; Urban Ministry.

Thank you for new name tags.

Prayer for next month’s meeting: Karin Kellogg

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2010

➤ **Closing Prayer – Bob Crego**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers (for Terri Perticone)