

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
St. James Church Resource Room

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro , Bob Crego, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Joan Frazier, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Stephanie Lewis, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Absent/Excused: Drew Desmarais, Rick Eisenman

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Bob C.

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the February Minutes and the April agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

The matter of updating the welcome packet which was tabled in February to be revisited at this meeting in April was discussed. A suggestion was made to include a welcoming letter from the pastor. After considerable discussion, it was decided to bring samples from other parishes for comparison to the May 9th meeting. Several council members volunteered to visit other parishes and pick up some packets.

One council member received a concern about the Fruit of the Vine Tasting Party being held during Lent. This has been discussed in previous years and efforts to change the date have been unsuccessful. The timing of this event depends on the vintners being available to present their wines. Inasmuch as this is a profitable fund-raiser for the school, it was decided to continue having the party during Lent.

There was another concern that the Mass intentions were not announced at the 9:45 am Mass at St. Ambrose. Because it was the 3rd and final Scrutiny for our RCIA catechumens, the regular announcements were worked into those intentions.

Ann reminded Council members that council members are asked to act as greeters at all the Masses on the Easter weekend as part of our Vision Statement. A sign-up sheet was distributed. There will not be a Welcome table.

➤ **Community Outreach Day (Saturday, April 29)** – Ruth

The sign-up posters are at the three sites. There has not been any response from Sr. Grace for the House of Mercy so it was decided not to pursue it further. Several donations for food items have been received. The suggestion was made to contact Jason Dusett with regard to publicity for this event. Council members had the opportunity to sign up for the different sites at the meeting and several agreed to be site coordinators.

➤ **Parish Dinner/Raffle/Car Wash/Recycling Update –Bob C.**

Over 200 raffle tickets were given out at the Masses last weekend, April 1st and 2nd. The ten for \$100 is proving to be a popular selection. Tickets will be available at all the Masses this coming weekend, April 8th and 9th.

Tickets for the Dinner will be available for purchase at \$10 each on Sunday, April 23rd in Dailey Hall at the St. Ambrose site from 12:30 – 2 pm. The dinner is being catered by Nick's Sea Breeze Inn. The memento selected for sale commemorating our 10th anniversary is a Tee Shirt, blue or red, short or long-sleeved. Order Forms will be available the weekend after Easter. Stitchworks is the distributor and they have told us that if an order is placed, the item should be ready for pick-up in about seven days. Once again there will be a Silent Auction featuring many exciting items. Plans are in the works for the items to be seen on a website and the opportunity to place bids also.

The Recycling/Car Wash Event is tentatively being changed to June 10th, 10 am – 1 pm at St. Ambrose so as not to conflict with First Communion on May 13. No television sets or monitors will be accepted at the recycling event unless Bob C. can find someone to accept them without charge.

At the parish dinner, Fr. Bob will present a State of the Parish report and answer questions that have been provided beforehand from parishioners. These forms will be distributed with the dinner tickets and must be returned prior to the dinner so Fr. Bob has an opportunity to review them.

➤ **Youth Report – Mark and Stephanie**

Mark is leading V Encuentro with the youth group. Fr. Carlos will be checking in with the group on Sunday, April 23rd. The Junior High stuffed three hundred eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held for PreK – 5th grades on Saturday, April 8th, 10 – Noon. There is a Teen Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House on April 28 – 30. The Youth group will help with the upcoming annual recycling and car wash event. Fr. Bob mentioned that ten candidates had completed their interviews for Confirmation and were very well-prepared.

➤ **Financial Report & Discussion – Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob distributed the financial report as of 3/31/17 and reviewed the Mass attendance and collection figures. To date, we have received \$121% of our goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Half of the overage is returned to the parish when the appeal is completed in May. Comparing last year's figures for this period – collections are up; attendance is down.

➤ **Parish Covenant Review - Ann**

Ann passed out copies of the amended parish covenant with the one correction. The move was made and seconded to accept the covenant. The vote to ratify was unanimous.

➤ **School Update/ Holy Sepulchre/YMCA Scholarships – Fr. Bob**

All efforts are being made to promote our St. John Neumann School. An ad was placed in the Democrat & Chronicle newspaper as well as other incentives – registrations received by April 28th will receive a \$100 tuition credit and a \$25 reduction in the registration fee.

A preschool parent is contacting every parent of the present preschool four class to encourage them to register for kindergarten at the school. The tuition is the lowest of all catholic schools in the area. Contact has been made to several neighboring parishes who agreed to publish information about the school in their weekly bulletins. Scholarships are available. Everyone is encouraged to promote our school to family, friends and neighbors.

Fr. Bob has met with Lynn Sullivan, Chief Executive Office of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Hopefully, this on-going relationship will possibly result in a grant for the school.

YMCA will be renting our building, gym and grounds at the St. Ambrose site for their summer program. There will be a 15% reduction in tuition for any school family who registers for the YMCA program as well as a 15% reduction for any YMCA family who registers for and is new to the school.

➤ **Vision Statement Updates & Discussion**

Ann handed out copies with several items highlighted and amended per discussion at the previous meeting. Goal #3.3 regarding a parish-wide “Ministries Weekend” was tabled for further discussion at this meeting. After input from Council members, it was decided to hold this event in September 2017. A tentative date of Sunday, September 17th in Dailey Hall from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm was selected. That date would be between the Church Picnic and the CMA Kick-off. Bob Crego has volunteered to act as coordinator of an oversight committee for this endeavor.

➤ **Nominating Committee Update – Ann**

Nomination forms will be published in the church bulletins starting on Easter.

➤ **Housekeeping & Other Items– Ann**

Rev. Mr. Juan Benitez will be ordained on Saturday, June 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He will celebrate his first Mass at Peace of Christ Parish on Sunday, June 4 at the 9:45 am Mass at St. Ambrose Church followed by a reception.

➤ **Closing Prayer - Katie**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting: May 9, 2017, 7 – 9 pm at St. John Church Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers

Opening Prayer: Sr. Marlene

Closing Prayer: Jean

Refreshments: Joan