

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Attendance: Carolyn Conrow, Karen Costello, Alan Dickinson, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Matthew Grosodonia, Ken Klamm, Rob Layer, Sean Manfreda, Sue Morrison, Eric Oswald, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele and Mia Valvo

Excused: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro, Bob Crego and Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

- **Opening Prayer** - Sue Morrison
- **Approval of October Minutes and November Agenda**
The minutes were accepted after two corrections. Under **Councilor's Concerns**: the date Chicken Barbeque Dinner should read October 12th and under **Book Discussion**: eliminate the last sentence starting with "A suggestion was made that a link....." The agenda was accepted as written.

- **Open Forum** - No one present

- **Councilor's Concerns**

Fr. Bob reported that the railings for St. James are under construction. They will match the grillwork already there. There will be one on each side of the altar and another going to the priest's chair.

The hearing assistance system at St. Ambrose has been updated for the hearing-impaired. Signs will be posted to inform the congregation as well as an article in this week's church bulletin. All sites now have updated units.

It was noted that the kneelers at St. James are in need of some repair. This will be reported to the Facilities Committee.

- **Vision Statement**

Under Goal #1, 1.2, a) there is no Tithing committee, it should read Social Ministry Committee and 1.3 should actually be 2.1 under Goal

#2. The statement was accepted with a unanimous vote. Fr. Bob asked that the corrections be made and a copy sent to the Parish Office (Colleen Griffith) for posting on the Website. Fr. Bob expressed his appreciation for everyone's work in updating the vision statement.

➤ **Book Discussion - Chapters 14-19 (*Divine Renovation Apprentice*) - Fr. Bob**

There was considerable discussion on this month's chapters. One question was raised as to why financial information is always published. Some felt that it sends the wrong message. Fr. Bob explained that the reason is "transparency"; parishioners are interested. A suggestion was made to reduce the size of the box containing this information.

The idea of a survey as mentioned in the reading was suggested as a means to get more information on what people want. Other parishes have used surveys so it was felt it might be a good idea to reach out to our contact at the diocesan office to get information on what success other parishes have had in the past.

Fr. Bob thanked everyone for their input.

➤ **Youth Report - Mia and Sean**

Divine Renovation Apprentice:

Pastors, with their lay leaders, should brainstorm a simple but effective way to recognize and affirm the people who are being evangelized through the parish. How: At Masses on Pentecost Sunday, invite those who have become disciples at Peace of Christ Parish throughout the year (First Communicants, Confirmands, neophytes, youth group members returning from NCYC, those from our ChristLife program, etc.) to come forward to be publicly acknowledged, affirmed and blessed.

On October 27, Youth assisted Social Ministry with the Toiletry collection. On November 26, Dr. Thomas Carroll will give a presentation on *Medical Ethics: Palliative Care vs Physician-Assisted Suicide* from 6:30-7:20 pm in St. James Church Hall for all Year 1 and 2 Confirmation Youth. This talk is open to all parishioners. On Monday, December 2 there will be the Youth group production of *Las Posodas* and Advent Reflection. Parish Youth and friends at College are invited to a social at Radio Social on Friday, December 28th, 6 - 10 pm.

November 21-23, Fund-raising for the NCYC in 2019 is beginning. Stay tuned.

There are now 5 Basketball teams. All schedules should be available before Thanksgiving.

➤ **Reports** - Financial, Catholic Ministries Appeal, North Winton Festival

Fr. Bob passed out copies of the financial report for 10/31/18. We have reached 84.33% of our goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal totaling \$93,098. An in-pew collection will be taken next weekend, November 17-18, to hopefully reach our goal of \$110,394. He reviewed the figures for the year - attendance is down and collections fluctuate. We have had 75 funerals to date this year. The question was raised as to whether the head count on the weekend is broken down into any categories. Fr. Bob indicated no. The figures are sent into the diocesan office monthly and the figures are reported nationally in October.

➤ **RocACTS Task Force Report** - Carolyn and Karen

Carolyn's group, Jobs and Poverty, is meeting at the same time as council meeting tonight. Karen's group, Child Care, is working on developing and implementing the surveys taken recently from school parents. A final report will be sent to the school principals involved.

➤ **Upcoming Events** - Fr. Bob

The Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary was held on Saturday, November 3. It was a great success and realized \$602 for St. Ambrose Academy. The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be at St. Mark's & St. John's Church on Culver Road on Tuesday, November 20. Mass on Thanksgiving will be at 9 am at St. Ambrose.

➤ **Pastoral Council Forum Report**

Joan, Carolyn, Joyce, Matt and Mary Ellen attended the Forum sponsored by the Diocese on Monday, October 29 at St. Marianne Cope Parish in Henrietta. There were 27 parishes represented at this informative power point presentation. Copies of Parish Roles and Responsibilities and Relationships Within a Parish from the meeting were distributed to Council.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Carolyn Conrow

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 7 pm at St. John's Church Hall

Opening Prayer: Al Dickinson

Closing Prayer: Matt Grosodonia

Refreshments: Ken Klamm

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers