

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro, Carolyn Conrow, Karen Costello, Rick Eisenman, Matthew Grosodonia, Ken Klamm, Rob Layer, Sean Manfreda, Sue Morrison, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele and Mia Valvo

Excused: Bob Crego, Alan Dickinson, Joan Frazier, Eric Oswald and Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer (Prayers for Peace, Healing on 8/11 Anniversary) -**
Sue Morrison and Council

➤ **Approval of June Minutes and September Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June Minutes as written and the September agenda with the addition of RocACTS.

➤ **Open Forum -** No one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Sue mentioned that there is a need for a second hymnal board at St. James. Also, the first aid kit at St. Ambrose needs to be updated. Fr. Bob will address both issues at the next Staff meeting. Rick received a letter from the Catholic Climate Covenant Organization containing a declaration requesting signatures. This item has been tabled for the present. Carolyn had an inquiry about the proceeds from second collections, fund-raisers. This information is usually posted in the church bulletin but takes a few weeks to finalize the tally.

The North Winton Village Festival of Arts at Linear Park is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 10 am - 5 pm. A sign-up sheet for coverage was passed around and all times will be covered. Someone had suggested to Sue that passing out treats might attract more visitors to their table. Efforts are being made to have handouts as well as past church bulletins and our leftover 2018 calendars. Our Youth representatives were encouraged to help. Set-up is at 8:15 am.

Rick had a comment from someone who objects to parish and diocesan funds being used for a school where it is too expensive for parish families to attend. A school which they feel is mostly for non-catholic families. After some discussion, the suggestion was made that it might be a good idea to have students write letters giving some feedback on how much they value their education at school and post them in the church bulletin. During Catholic Schools Week might be a perfect time for this endeavor.

➤ **Youth Report - Mia and Sean**

The September 11th Idea based on the reading of *Divine Renovation Apprentice* reminds youths to be open-minded to ideas, even it is something they haven't done before. For example, hold Masses with Youth on days other than Sunday, 5 pm and having high school/college age be lectors. Follow-up would be to talk to the Pastoral Associates. The schedule for meetings at the St. James Youth Room on Mondays evenings, 6:15 - 7:45 pm has been set up for the year. An informational meeting for Confirmation for Year 1 and Year 2 candidates is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th at St. James Church Hall, from 10 - 11 am.

➤ **Review/Discuss/Organize 2018-19 Vision Statement - all**

Starting with Goal #2 d) and ending with Goal #3, each item was reviewed, amended or tabled. Goal #4 will be revisited by parish staff. Results will be discussed at the next council meeting in October.

It was mentioned that the Vision Plan will need to be updated on the website.

➤ **Finance Update - Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob passed out copies of the financial report as of June 30, 2018. Our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal is \$110,395.00. There is about a 3% increase throughout the entire diocese. Fr. Bob has asked the School Council to develop a five-year plan for the school to help in the financial planning for the parish.

St. Ambrose Academy held a Fund-raiser Gala last Friday, September 7th. It was a great success, raising about \$17,000.

➤ **RocACTS - Bruce, Carolyn and Karen**

Bruce had a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting. His group is working for police accountability which is a key issue at the present time.

Bruce will email council members a copy of the latest minutes from this group.

Carolyn attended the meeting and their group is continuing to focus on Jobs and Poverty with emphasis on raising the wages and conditions for health care workers; housing issues (homelessness terminology is being changed to housing-deprived); and tenants dealing with uncaring landlords.

Karen reported that the group is presently conducting a parent survey of the city schools (information gathering and child care issues).

➤ **Book Discussion - Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob gave all members of Council a copy of the book, *Divine Renovation Apprentice: Learning to Lead a Disciple-Making Parish* with an assignment for each meeting. Chapters 2-7 were the pages for today's meeting. In his letter, he asked for one-line ideas from the reading and how and who would do it? (no more than three lines.) It appears the book met with positive reactions and hopefully will continue to create dialogue which will help Fr. Bob expand the role of lay people in the parish.

Along these lines, Fr. asked for volunteers to speak at the Masses at St. James and St. Ambrose to promote the Catholic Ministries Appeal the weekend of September 29/30, Tom _____ will be covering St. John the Evangelist. Sue Morrison volunteered for St. James and Ken Klamm will cover St. Ambrose.

➤ **Housekeeping**

The Welcome Table schedule for September 22/23 was passed around. Not all slots have been filled. Follow-up will be needed.

The Catholic Diocese has invited Council members to attend a forum on October 29th at St. Marianne Cope Parish at Guardian Angels Church, 2061 East Henrietta Road from 7 - 8:30 pm to learn about the role of pastoral council members and how the diocese can help to support this undertaking .

➤ **Closing Prayer - Rick**

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 7 pm at St. John's Church Hall
Opening Prayer: Matt Grosodonia
Closing Prayer: Joyce Raymond
Refreshments: Bruce Cavallaro

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers