

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Wednesday, June 13, 2017  
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

**Attendance:** Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro , Deacon Jeff Chichester, Carolyn Conrow, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Alan Dickinson, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Patrick Larkin, Sean Manfreda, Elizabeth Mang, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Sue Morrison, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader, Gary Smith, Mary Ellen Steele, Ruth Tanner and Sr. Marlene Vigna

**Absent/Excused:** Joan Frazier, Stephanie Lewis

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

- **Opening Prayer** – Bruce
- **Introduction and Welcome to incoming Council Members**

Welcome to Carolyn Conrow, Alan Dickinson, Sue Morrison and Mary Ellen Steele as well as Youth representatives – Patrick Larkin, Sean Manfreda, and Elizabeth Mang.

- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the May Minutes with two corrections (no contact made for assistance on picnic and Recycling Event will begin at 9 AM) and the June agenda with a minor correction (officer election is for the 2017-2018 year.)

- **Open Forum** – no one present

- **Councilor's Concerns**

Bob C. is looking for an individual or a couple to shadow him for this coming year's activities (Dinner, Raffle, Recycling Event, and Ministries Weekend) with the expectation to take over the responsibility the following year. Bob would continue to help out. We also need help with the parish picnic and Bob is hoping someone from Council will step up as this is a Parish Council sponsored event. Fr. Bob suggested having a liaison between the Picnic Chairperson and the Council if the Picnic Chairperson is not on the Council.

Joe mentioned a recent incident where three people became ill at church during Mass. It pointed out the need for a wheelchair. A request is being published in the Bulletin asking if anyone has a wheelchair they could donate. One would be needed at each site. (It was mentioned that there is one already at St. James.)

Katie asked about the availability of having WiFi capability. It would be most helpful for the Family Faith Formation program. Fr. Bob will bring the subject of internet access for the parish to the next staff meeting for discussion.

Bruce suggested thinking about technology as a “footprint to the future.”

Alan asked for help in distributing posters regarding the upcoming Blood Drive on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ann reviewed the Donation Drop Off Days for the Garage Sale (July 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10.) The Garage Sale is scheduled for Thursday, July 13 – Sunday, July 16.

➤ **Budget/Finance Report** – Gary Smith

Copies of the 2017/2018 Peace of Christ Budget and statement as of 5/31/17 were distributed. Gary reviewed the figures. Our net revenue is in the plus column – a pleasant surprise. The market is up which is good for investments and the plate collection is also up – a new trend. Basically the parish is in good shape.

The question was raised about the value of installing solar panels on our buildings. Gary will check on this further.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2017/2018 budget as presented. The vote to accept was unanimous.

➤ **Youth Report** – Patrick, Elizabeth and Sean (Newly-appointed Youth Reps – they will rotate in pairs throughout the year.) Patrick and Elizabeth report at this meeting.

Both Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will volunteer to wash cars at the Recycling event in June to benefit the parish. The Summer session for youth in grades 6-9 is scheduled for July 10 – 14, 9 am – 3 pm. Teens will be volunteering for the Vacation Bible Camp July 24 – 28. In September, a Niagara Chocolate fundraiser is planned to benefit youth activities. A summer project

to help clean and paint classrooms at St. James School is planned. The Youth group completed their project with V Encuentro in June by visiting the STARS Preschool to build up a relationship with them and their families, hopefully to be continued next year as well. Tamera Strzepek and Jean Verhagen will continue to co-manage CYO Soccer and Basketball for the upcoming season.

➤ **Chair Comments & Council Activity Summary - Ann**

Ann passed out a Year In Review, 2016-2017; a monthly overview of Council activities for the year. Council has been very productive in their service to the parish.

➤ **Updates**

Bob C. will coordinate the Ministry Weekend scheduled for September 17 in Dailey Hall, tentatively from 11 am – 1:30 pm. All ministries will be invited. Bob will get a list from the parish office.

Raffle & Dinner – Bob felt both were very successful. Joanne Lachiusa, Silent Auction Chairperson, won the grand prize. About \$6000 was generated for the parish. At this time, it is not known if the Silent Auction figures are included in the total. The Silent Auction was an active part of the evening and contributed a great deal to the success of the event.

The Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 10 at St. James. There will not be an 11 am Mass at St. John's. In its place, there will be an 11:30 Mass at St. James.

Fr. Bob reported that RocActs has been involved in several community activities. School enrollment is up. A postcard mailing to adjoining zip codes to school-aged families is planned for the near future. A contract has been signed with Maplewood YMCA for the use of St. Ambrose for their summer camp, Camp Seneca. Some families have already signed up for school taking advantage of the discounted tuition rate.

Regarding Pastoral Council meetings for next year, the regular schedule of the second Tuesday of the month will be continued. There is no meeting during Lent. There is a conflict in April, date to be determined. The summer meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26 at St. John's. Council meets in the Chapel at 11 for an hour of prayer, 12N luncheon, 1 pm – 2 pm meeting.

Bishop Matano has declared this year "The Year of the Eucharist" commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Rochester in March

2018. An advanced copy of his Pastoral Letter will be included in the Church Bulletin the weekend of June 17-18.

➤ **Election** – Fr. Bob

After consideration of qualities desired for chair and vice-chair, voting was completed. Rick will be chair and Joe will be vice-chair for 2017-18.

➤ **Housekeeping** – Ann

A sign-up sheet was distributed for June 24/25 Welcome Table. Conflict of Interest forms were given to the in-coming members. Thank you to those members who have completed their terms – Bob Crego, Ann Holstrom, Katie Onorato and Ruth Tanner, youth representatives – Mark Mang and Stephanie Lewis and Staff Member, Augie Misiurewicz, who is retiring.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Carol

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Next meeting: at St. John Church Hall – Saturday, August 26, 2017, 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers