

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
Parish Office – St. Ambrose Church

Attendance: Katie Bess, Fr. Tim Brown, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Florence Cardella, , Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Rick Eisenman, Cecelia Elliott, Mary Ann Emerson, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Augie Misiurewicz, Carol Reed, Maria Rosica, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner, Sr. Marlene Vigna

Excused: Julie Antinore, Vernon Connors and Ann Holstrom

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Augie

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January minutes and February agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum** – No one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

People responding to the request for the Vatican Survey on the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World on the diocesan website have found it to be very complicated. The deadline is March 1, 2015. Information on this survey was published in the Bulletin on February 1. Another concern was how the counting at Liturgies is done at the different sites; some include adults and children; others do not. This will be addressed. Fr. Bob mentioned that the counts in the month of October are turned in from all parishes and recorded. There was an inquiry whether or not all deceased in the parishes are remembered at Masses at all three sites. This is the intent but occasionally because of timing, this does not happen.

➤ **Community Outreach Day, Saturday, April 25, 2015** - Jane

One response for a project was received from the article in the weekly bulletin. Many of the projects worked on last year will be on again this year. Contact has been made to Girl and Boy Scout troops. Some will not be able to help because of other plans for this date but one Boy Scout Troop has volunteered to assist. Melissa Mang provided Jane with a list of youth helpers, Kindergarten age and up. Younger children would have to be accompanied by their parents. Melissa also provided a list of the counselors at different schools. This could prove helpful if students are in need of service hours. Jane is meeting with Marty Moynihan and Jason Duset this coming Sunday to do some planning. In response to a request for someone to shadow Jane to take over when her term is complete, Ruth Tanner volunteered to take over this role.

➤ **Festival and May Events** – Bob C.

Monday, February 23, a parish mailing went out to 1700 families explaining the procedure for the raffle tickets for the fund-raising event this year. There is a change in distribution; tickets cannot be mailed. Instead, tickets will be available in the pews at all three sites for the next three weekends and available at the parish office. In addition, announcements will be made at the Masses explaining the new arrangement. People will be encouraged to pick up an envelope containing three tickets. Committee members will be present to answer any questions that may arise. Only cash can be used to purchase the tickets; no checks or credit cards allowed. Purchasers will be responsible for returning the ticket stubs along with the cash to church and place it in the collection basket, properly marked, or take to the parish office.

Festival Committee members are not allowed to purchase raffle tickets. All these changes are the result of new or reinforcement of old regulations by the NYS Gaming Commission.

The prize drawing for the car will be held at the First Annual Peace of Christ Parish Dinner, a catered dinner by Christopher's on Saturday, May 2, 2015. There will be more prizes this year and the car lease has been extended from two to three years. The master of ceremonies will be John Driscoll and Reverend Mother will be our featured guest. Tickets will go on sale at a later date.

➤ **Youth** – Cece/Florence

Jr. High Retreat coming up at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Sr. High is looking for ideas for fundraising to help with expenses for the NCYC to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in November 2015. Both groups meet at St. Michael's Woodshop on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6 pm to prime and paint wood products for St. Michael's to sell and other joint activities include serving/busing dishes during the soup supper on March 2, participate in a parish car wash, assist at Community Outreach Day, as well as run a booth at the Family Fun Fest in June.

Boy Scouts have two Eagle Scout projects occurring; camping event this weekend. Looking for ideas for two more projects. Suggestion: Adopt a street and clear fire hydrants.

CYO – basketball season is over. Awards to be given out at snow-tubing party at Webster Park on March 8. Winners of Faith Through Sports Awards will be announced on March 18th, 7 pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

➤ **Financial Report** - Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob distributed the report as of January 31, 2015. We are now at 120% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal. So sometime in June after the end of this year's campaign, May 31, 2015, the parish should receive a check in the amount of about \$4000, representing one-half of the overage. Attendance figures for January 2015 compared to the figure for 2014 were down but the weather more than likely played a part in this decrease.

➤ **Covenant review/Vision Statement Implementation** – Fr. Bob/Rick

Rick asked that Council members check over the Covenant so that it can be reaffirmed at the April 2015 meeting.

In order to keep Council up-to-date on the status of the Vision Goals, it was decided that if a member of Council (preferably a first year member) would take the responsibility of checking, possibly electronically, with the person or persons overseeing a particular goal and report back to the Chair, then the Chair could consolidate this information and report at the meeting. At this time, members volunteered as follows: Goal 1 – Jane, Goal 2 - Katie and Cathy, Goal 3 – Carol would help someone, Goal 5 – Bob C. Rick asked that a final decision be made and relayed to him by Friday of this week, February 27.

➤ **School/K of C/Pictorial Directory – Fr. Bob**

St. John Neumann School - Fr. Bob was pleased with the donations made to support 6th graders for the next school year, about \$20,000. At present we have 12 students registered; however, the minimum number needed is 15. Contacts have been made and hopefully this number can be reached before the deadline later this week. The school principal, Mrs. Jackie Senecal, spoke at neighboring parishes to promote the school. On a positive note, we received registrations for preschool and lower grades. If the minimum number is not reached for 6th grade, the monies received directly earmarked for 6th grade tuition will be offered back to the donor.

K of C - Two new members were received into the K of C. Fr. Bob was surprised and pleased when they presented him with a check for \$2000 for the school. Plans are in the works for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. James on Saturday, March 14. The Chowder Dinner has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 19.

Fr. Bob reported that the pictorial directory is in the final stage of assembly before going to Lifetouch and hopefully it may be available by our 8th anniversary, May 17, 2015.

➤ **Council Nominating Committee – Cathy**

There will be four openings for 2015-16. Carol, Rick and Mary Ann have volunteered to help. Contact should be made to the Parish Office for ballot forms; the boxes may be stored there. The timeline for collecting nominees starts on weekend of April 25, and continues on May 2, and May 9, 2015. Last day for ballots will be May 10, 2015. Names of nominees will be given to Colleen Griffith at Parish Office to determine if they are eligible and then the committee will contact them to see if they will accept the nomination. Drawing of names will be on the weekend of May 23/24, 2015.

➤ **Housekeeping**

Welcome Table slots for March 28/29 at the three sites are filled.

➤ **Summary**

Open Forum – no one present

Councilor Concerns – Comments were received that the Vatican survey on the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World on the diocesan website was found to be very complicated. Question was raised as to procedure for counting at Liturgies; will be addressed. An inquiry as to whether all deceased in the parish are remembered at Liturgies at the three sites; that is the intent.

Community Outreach Day, Saturday, April 25, 2015 – Jane is meeting with Marty Moynihan and Jason Duset this coming Sunday to go over plans. Girl and Boy Scout troops have been contacted. Other contacts will be made. Ruth Tanner has volunteered to shadow Jane and take over when her term is finished.

Festival and May events – A parish mailing went out on Monday, February 23 explaining the new procedure for raffle tickets for the fund-raiser event this year. Tickets can be picked up at the three sites, the weekends of 2/28-3/1; 3/7-8; 3/14-15. All sales are cash; no checks or credit cards. Purchasers will be responsible for returning the stubs and cash to the parish, via the collection basket or to the parish office. The First Annual Peace of Christ Parish Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015 where the car raffle winner and other prizes will be awarded. John Driscoll will be master of ceremonies and Reverend Mother will be the featured guest.

Youth Report – Several joint events and service projects are scheduled for both Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups. Boy Scouts have two Eagle Projects occurring and are looking for ideas for two more projects. Suggestion made to adopt a street and clear fire hydrants.

Financial Update – Report distributed. CMA receipts have exceeded the quota by 120%.

Covenant review/Vision Statement Implementation

Council members are asked to check over the covenant so it can be reaffirmed at the next meeting in April.

Council members are asked to take responsibility for one goal and contact the person or persons responsible and report back to chair who will then report on the status at the meeting so as to keep council aware of the progress of the Vision Statement goals.

School/K of C/Pictorial Directory

About \$20,000 was raised to help support 6th grader's tuition in an effort to keep that grade open at St. John Neumann School. At present we have 12 registered; a minimum of 15 is required. Deadline for registrations is this week.

K of C presented Fr. Bob with a check for \$2000 for the school. Plans are underway for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 14 at St. James. The Chowder Dinner has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 19.

Directory in final stage of assembly then on to Lifetouch.

Council Nominating Committee

Carol, Rick and Mary Ann have volunteered to help Cathy. Nominations will be collected starting the weekend of April 25 and continue for the next two weekends. Drawing will be the weekend of May 23/24, 2015.

Housekeeping – Welcome Table slots for March 28/29 at the three sites are filled.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Rick

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Opening Prayer: Maria Rosica

Closing Prayer: Katie Bess

Hospitality: Carol Reed

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers