

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2016
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Mary Ann Emerson, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader, Gary Smith, Ruth Tanner, Sr. Marlene Vigna
New Members: Bruce Cavallaro ('19), Rick Eisenman ('19), Stephanie Lewis (Youth Rep. '17)

Excused: Cathy Buyer-Davis, Mark Mang, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, New Member: Joyce Frasier ('19)

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Jean

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the May minutes and the June agenda as written.

➤ **Introduction of New Members**

Welcome to new Council members, Bruce, Rick and Stephanie. Welcome back to Joyce Raymond who is returning to complete her term. Joyce Frasier had a conflict but will be joining us in the fall.

➤ **Open Forum**

No one present.

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Ann reminded everyone about the upcoming Garage Sale, Donation Drop-Off Dates, Saturday, June 25 – Sunday, July 3 and the Sale Dates, Thursday, July 7 – Sunday, July 10. Volunteers are needed, especially anyone with a truck who could help with pick-up of donations and transporting items from storage to Dailey Hall. Helping in this endeavor requires hard work but it is very rewarding – a good time is had by all.

Bob C. again brought up his concern about the pronunciation of names during the Intentions at Mass. He feels it has to be very embarrassing for family members. After a brief discussion, it was concluded that there is no simple way of solving this issue. Where possible, the lector is coached before the Mass.

Fr. Bob thanked everyone who helped with setting up and helping at the Ministry Fair, Second Annual Parish Dinner, Recycling event, and the Car Wash. He will be looking for someone to coordinate the Parish Picnic and opened it up to the Council. Plans are to change the location

this year from Ellison Park to St. James. Last year, the event was flooded out at the park and had to be moved to Dailey Hall. The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th at 1 pm. In the past the 11:00 Mass at St. John's has been cancelled and a Mass was celebrated at 11:30 am at the park. An option might be to celebrate Mass at the St. James site.

➤ **Budget Presentation & Finance Report – Gary Smith/Fr. Bob**

The 2016/2017 Budget Handout for both the parish and the school was distributed to Council. Gary reviewed the revenue and expense figures for the parish. The greatest expense is salaries and benefits and School Assessment which are both mandated by the Diocese. Every effort has been made to keep expenses down to a minimum. However, the budget is a deficit operational budget. Funds from the Capital Campaign held ten years ago have been used up. Some of this deficit of \$171,433 can be taken from savings/investments. The plate collection and investments have been flat for the past few years. Fr. Bob mentioned that the Diocese is planning a Capital Campaign in two years to coincide with the 150th Anniversary and parishes will be included. In the meantime, there is a moratorium on capital campaigns. Fr. Bob has been encouraging tithing and electronic banking. He recently mailed out a letter asking parishioners to review their own circumstances with thoughtful consideration before filling out their Time, Talent and Treasure forms that will be coming in the mail soon.

Gary reviewed the 2016/2017 School Budget which is also a deficit operational budget. Revenue includes the Diocese subsidy which is \$100,000 less this year and reimbursement from the East Irondequoit School District for Title I Funds. The school does have some savings to offset a small portion of the deficit. Some parishioners have been generous in supporting tuition for students and the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary have been generous in helping the school. The preschool and before and after school programs are stable; there is no aid available for preschool. However, the enrollment in the other grades needs to increase to maintain stability. The school is competing with urban/suburban programs and charter schools.

Bob C., as Chairperson, accepted the 2016/17 Parish and School Budget. Council unanimously agreed.

At the March meeting, an inquiry had been made regarding the \$80,000 capital expenditure. This amount included indoor/outdoor painting at St. James Church; Roof cables at St. James Church; Roof repairs at St. John's Rectory and Church, New Heating Units at St. John Neumann School, St. James Convent Ramp repair; Remodeling old bathroom and new handicapped bathroom at parish office; speakers at St. Ambrose Church and asphalt patching at St. John's.

➤ **Youth Report – Stephanie**

All Youth activities are finished for the present.

➤ **Chair Comments & Council Activity Summary – Bob C.**

Bob C. reviewed with Bruce the procedure for newly registered parishioners which is one of the responsibilities of council members. Someone from the parish office sends Council members a form with the information – name, address, phone number. The Council member is asked to call them, introduce yourself, and welcome them.

Bob reviewed the handout everyone had already received regarding Council activities from June 2015 through June 2016. This printout represents a great deal of effort on the part of Peace of Christ Staff, Council members, committees, as well as parishioners. He would like to see another outreach program sponsored by Pastoral Council for next year.

➤ **Updates – Ministry Weekend, Raffle & Dinner, Kidsfest, RocACTS**

Bob C. felt that the Ministry Fair was successful. Some comments were that it would be helpful to have it at every Mass; at the coffee hour at St. Ambrose would be a better time and reach more people; and hopefully that it will be repeated in the fall.

The Raffle was successful – more profitable than last year. About 540 tickets were sold. It was suggested that the price of the tickets be cut for next year. Cerame's Catering put on a delicious meal and there was plenty of food – enough for some take-home boxes. The Silent Auction was successful. Maybe next year, the items could be promoted on the website.

Kidsfest is scheduled for Friday, June 17th. More volunteers and gift cards would be welcomed.

Fr. Bob reported that the RocACTS Core Team would like to repeat the listening sessions that took place when the parish first jointed this new venture. More information is forthcoming in the upcoming church bulletin.

Fr. Bob expressed his thanks to Bob C. and Katie and all Council members for their efforts this year.

Schedule for 2016-2017: 7 pm

Tuesday, September 13 – St. John's

Tuesday, October 11 – St. John's

Tuesday, November 8 – St. James

Tuesday, December 13 – St. John's

Tuesday, January 10 – St. John's

February – to be determined

March -- no meeting

April – to be determined

Tuesday, May 9 – St. John's

Tuesday, June 13 – St. John's

➤ **Elections - Fr. Bob**

After deliberation, Ann Holstrom was voted in as Chair and Rick Eisenman Vice-Chair for this coming year.

➤ **Housekeeping – Bob C.**

Bob C. collected the Conflict of interest forms he needed. He also thanked Council members for their help and support this past year.

➤ **Closing Prayer – Jane**

Reminder: Meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at St. John's, 11 am Prayer in Chapel; 12N Lunch; and 1 pm Discussion.

The meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers