

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Bruce Cavallaro, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Excused: Stephanie Lewis

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

- **Opening Prayer** – Jean M.
- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September Minutes and the October agenda as written.

- **Open Forum** – no one present
- **Councilor's Concerns**

Katie brought a parishioner's concern to the attention of Council regarding whether the homebound are receiving communion. It was a general question; there did not appear to be any parishioner who was not receiving this sacrament. Some question on whether recipients are receiving as often as they would like. Fr. Bob mentioned that a training session had recently taken place and more Eucharistic Ministers have been added to the list. Anyone homebound wishing to receive communion should contact the Parish Office or make it known to a member of Staff and arrangements can be made. Katie will relay this information to the interested party.

Katie passed out an evaluation and recommendation form for the 2016 Kids' Fest. She has been in charge of this activity for the past two years since the Annual Festival was discontinued. She was discouraged at the lack of participation by our school families and is suggesting that the event be ended. Fr. Bob mentioned that the date had been changed to correspond with Moving-Up Day and activities were planned for the entire day so this may have been a factor in the low participation. The majority of our school families would have no means to return for an event after the buses take the students to their homes. For the time being, this item will be tabled and Fr. Bob will bring this matter up at the next Staff/School meeting.

- **Finalize 2016-17 Vision Statement**

Ann passed out the revised Vision Statement to all members. Regarding Goal #3.2, she asked for a volunteer to work with her; Rick offered to assist her. Ann asked that members review this final version and get back to her with any concerns or questions. Also, she suggested Council members who are associated with individual committees working on Vision Statement goals encourage others in the parish to get involved.

Committee Report – Joe and Carol attended the Social Ministry meeting last month. They brought a copy of this committee’s calendar and outlook for 2016-17 for council members to read. There is also a link to their committee on the parish website. They have a very busy schedule of activities every month.

Ann thanked Katie, Joanne, Ruth for their help at the Peace of Christ Booth at the North Winton Village Tenth Annual Festival of Arts held on Saturday, September 17 in Linear Garden on East Main Street. Several people stopped by asking questions and one person indicated an interest in joining the parish.

➤ **Youth Report – Mark**

The first combined meeting of the year, 9 Jr. High and 5 Sr. High, was held on Sunday, September 18. Social Justice Faith in Action – as advocates for the poor and vulnerable, both groups signed letters on behalf of the Children’s Agenda. These letters will be sent to Brian Marianett, the Republican Majority Leader from the 7th District in Greece, NY. Mrs. Mang and youth representatives will attend a meeting with him to discuss the involvement of our youth as well as to promote child care and food subsidies. These letters will be part of the presentation of the gifts at Children’s Sabbath on Sunday, October 16 at the 9 and 9:45 Masses. Afton Lathigee is assisting with the youth groups while attending college and this involvement is part of her field work toward becoming a social worker. The Youth groups are assisting the second graders on their journey to First Penance and First Holy Communion. A joint bowling activity is planned for next month with St. Kateri parish. CYO Soccer is ending with a Sports Award Ceremony on Thursday, October 27th at the Cathedral. CYO Basketball will begin on December 2nd.

➤ **Financial Report – Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob passed out the report as of 9/30/16. Our CMA goal is \$104,212 and 53% has already been pledged, a total to date of \$56,084. Fr. was very pleased and is hopeful we can reach our goal in the very near future.

Our Mass attendance was down during the summer months but hopefully will increase; however, the collection totals increased. Fr. made the suggestion that Council be thinking about ways to help increase attendance and this item will be on the agenda for next month.

➤ **Global Leadership Points Discussion – Fr. Bob**

There was further discussion on this handout that Fr. Bob shared at Council Reflection Day in August. Brief overview: How to keep your passion bucket filled - new ideas, doing things differently, reaching out to others – Outreach Day in April. How to show you are proud of your volunteers – annual volunteers’ appreciation event, highlight different committees on

the website. Set a WIG – wildly important goals. “Game On” – our goal is increase attendance at our Masses.

➤ **School Update – Fr. Bob**

The enrollment is up to 119 which is encouraging. There is a need for more marketing representation on School Council. Two members who are serving are not able to attend meetings because of job commitments. Fr. Bob is reaching out to find people who are able to write grants.

Regarding the Raffle and Annual Dinner, Bob C. has sent a letter to the Women’s Auxiliary, attention of Mrs. Kathy Callahan, asking if the Auxiliary would consider taking over this event for the coming year. They will discuss it at their next meeting.

➤ **Welcome Weekend Procedure/Housekeeping Items - Ann**

The procedure for Welcome Weekend had been tabled from last month. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to keep it as it has been in the past. Augie, Drew and Sr. Marlene will have the packets available on the fourth weekend of the month and a council member will be available to answer questions or help someone with the registration process. It is the general opinion that it is important to continue this practice. There is coverage for all but one of the Masses for the upcoming weekend, 10/22 and 10/23, and Augie will be available if someone is in need at that one Mass.

➤ **State of the Parish Event – Bob C.**

Regarding this Town Hall event for the parish, Bob suggested having parishioners write out questions they would like answered and turn them in prior to the scheduled event. The suggestion was made that perhaps a different format be considered. Our parishioners might be more comfortable at a coffee-hour setting. Bob C and Joyce will follow up this idea and report back at the next meeting. Our 10th anniversary as Peace of Christ Parish will be coming up on May 17th – perhaps something special could be planned.

➤ **Closing Prayer - Carol**

The meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8, St. James Resource Room
Opening Prayer: Bob Crego
Closing Prayer: Joanne Driscoll
Refreshments: Bruce Cavallaro