

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Carolyn Conrow, Deacon Bob Corsaro, Lola DeAscentiis, Alan Dickinson, Judy Dickinson, Ken Klamm, Jane Koch, Gail Layer, Rob Layer, Sue Morrison, Eric Oswald, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, Raymond Warth, Catherine Witner

Excused: Karen Costello, Bob Crego, Matthew Grosodonia, Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Judy Dickinson

➤ **Approval of September Minutes and October Agenda/Housekeeping Items**

The September Minutes and October Agenda were accepted as written.

The attendance form/sign-up sheet for Welcome Weekend (October 26-27, 2019) and November 12th sign-up sheet was passed out.

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

There was a concern about the new parishioner form received by a council member dated from July. There has been a breakdown in the procedure to be followed. Ken tabled this item until later in the meeting for a more thorough discussion.

Ken attended the Regional Pastoral Council Forum sponsored by the Department of Pastoral Services of the Diocese last evening. He passed out copies of a few of the hand-outs which were very informative, topics such as "*What Makes a Pastoral Council Effective?*"

The question was raised regarding the opening on the Facilities Committee due to the recent death of John Griffith. Fr. Bob announced that the parish had recently hired someone who is presently relocating to Rochester and for the present is working only Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

With regard to the opening on Pastoral Council because Matthew Grosodonia is unable to finish his term, Fr. Bob has researched his records and is unable to find any records of nominees before 2018. In addition, he checked the time, talent, and treasure sheets from past years and has determined two possible parishioners who might be willing to fill this opening. He also has the name of someone who has previously served on council and is willing to return. Fr. Bob will make contact with these individuals and report back at the next meeting. Ken commented that the pastor does have the authority to appoint someone. Fr. Bob

mentioned that he had followed this procedure at his previous assignment. The suggestion was made that perhaps it would be helpful in the future to list the nominees in the Council minutes and/or in the Sunday bulletin.

At the last meeting, a sub-committee consisting of Carolyn, Cathy, Eric, Mary Ellen and Sue along with Ken agreed to work together to update the procedure and materials for registration in the parish that are given out at Welcome Weekend. Ken met with Colleen Griffith. A procedure needs to be put in place so that members of council who make these initial calls are comfortable and knowledgeable. The group will continue to work on clarifying the procedure.

It was also suggested that occasionally an invitation be extended to the congregation at Mass, maybe once a month, to have new parishioners or visitors stand up and be welcomed. In addition, an announcement regarding the abbreviated form in the pews could be promoted. It was agreed that the welcome packets should be available every week not just one weekend. There was also a mention on the value of a Welcoming Committee, not necessarily just pastoral council members. This has been used in the past at some sites.

➤ **Survey Feedback – Ken**

Ken compiled all the responses he received about what council members felt was important to include in a parish survey. He passed out an overview of the survey. The next step is to turn all this information into a simple survey and then send copies to members for review. One question that Fr. Bob requested to be listed is: What Mass do you attend regularly? Parishioners will be asked to respond electronically but as many do not have access to computers, copies will also be distributed in the pews at church. Hopefully this survey will be put in place by December allowing council members/staff several months to study the results.

➤ **Youth Report – Lola and Raymond**

The Candy Sale for the Notre Dame Vision Summer Conference is going well. The next fundraiser, Delta Sonic Car Wash tickets, will take place in December. The final fundraiser, "Take Stock in Youth", will take place in the spring. Parishioners will be invited to donate to youth in exchange for the youth praying for them daily and bringing back a token of appreciation from their experience at Notre Dame.

Junior High and Senior High Groups both meet on Sundays at St. Ambrose Academy. Their classes will include several speakers: from Peace of Christ Social Ministry Committee, Anne LeBlanc of Right-to-Life, Deacon Kevin Carges from St. John Fisher College, Sr. Donna DelSanto, and Dr. Thomas Carroll.

CYO Basketball season officially begins in December. Practices will begin October 9th in Dailey Hall.

Lola DeAscentiis was our parish representative at the 2019 Respect Life Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on October 6th.

Raymond Warth generated the idea of our youth beginning a card ministry for the homebound/nursing homes. He saw the article in this month's edition of the Catholic Courier.

He also suggested providing our parishioners with updates in the bulletins regarding youth activities.

(Council members encouraged Lola and Raymond to take their candy bars to all the parish events.)

➤ **Financial Report/School Update – Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report as of September 30, 2019. Our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal is the same as last year. The diocesan video will be viewed at all the Masses this coming weekend.

Enrollment at St. Ambrose Academy is up slightly over last year.

Fr. Bob reviewed the attendance and collection figures. The question was raised that if the parish surpasses its goal as it has done in the past, will those funds be protected under the Bankruptcy Act. Fr. Bob believes they are but he will check again.

The North Winton Arts Festival took place on Saturday, September 14. Sue thanked all who helped, council members and others. She mentioned there was considerable interest in the school from grandparents. Where they were located presented a problem with the wind that day blowing down the display posters. Something to be aware of in planning next year as well as relocating the Boy Scout Table closer to the Parish Table.

RocACTS (Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society) – Poverty and Jobs – Carolyn's meeting was cancelled; Criminal Justice and Police Accountability – Alan will be attending the next meeting; Education – no report. Rob reported that the Priests Caucus has been renamed the Religious Leaders Caucus. The annual dinner is being held on December 8. The parish/school have purchased an advertisement in the program.

➤ **Review of Vision Statement 2019-2020**

Goal #3 was reviewed, discussed, and amended. Ken will send out an updated copy to council before the next meeting and also will have extra copies at the meeting.

➤ **Closing Prayer – Sue**

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next Pastoral Council meeting – Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7 pm, St. John's Church Hall

Opening Prayer: Rob Layer

Closing Prayer: Jane Koch

Refreshments: Al and Judy Dickinson

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers