

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
St. John the Evangelist Church

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

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer – Maria**

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the October minutes and November agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum – No one present**

➤ **Councilors' Concerns**

A parent contacted a member of Council to ask that sacristans be more patient with youth altar servers. Also, there is a need for altar server training for students at St. John Neumann School.

It was mentioned that our hospitality breaks are becoming too much of a feast and result in longer breaks. The suggestion was made that perhaps members could take their "coffee and" before or during the meeting so that the meeting could conclude at 8:30 pm instead of 9 pm. Fr. Bob said this would be possible but would depend on the content of the agenda. The matter will be referred to Executive Council.

➤ **Pastoral Council Housekeeping**

November 22-23 Welcome Table/December Hospitality Forms were distributed and all slots were filled. Reminder that December is our Christmas Party and everyone is asked to bring something.

➤ **Vision Statement & Rochester ACTS Goals**

The Rochester ACTS goals were reviewed and it was decided that the best approach was to break down into the subcommittees so they could see if any of the Concerns/Issues were covered in the updated Vision Statement. After considerable discussion, Rick asked that the subcommittee members review the goals and reword where possible to encompass the concerns/issues. Any not covered could be added as a Goal 6 to the Vision Statement. Rick requested that the amended statement be sent to him by December 1st, a week before Council meeting.

➤ **Finance**

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report. The parish has reached the Catholic Ministries Appeal quota of \$95,840. At present, we have pledges amounting to \$97,572. Collection totals are up. The budget for the school will be presented to the Diocese later this month.

➤ **Youth**

Cece and Florence reported that CYO Soccer wrapped up on November 2 with a party and award ceremony. The Faith Through Sports Award Ceremony was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on November 5th with three youths from our parish receiving awards for exemplifying Catholic values and Christian behavior by word and example in soccer. CYO basketball begins in November with three teams. Several of the Junior High Youth Group Members attended a Laserquest with other Youth Groups on November 7th – good time had by everyone. Both Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be assisting the Social Ministry Committee in helping make Thanksgiving Kits for the homeless. A busy schedule is planned for December including Posadas event at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Youth Mass, Outreach Project with another church in the area to mention a few.

➤ **Welcome Home Weekend Date**

The dates for the Welcome Home Weekend will be December 13 and 14th. It was felt that this is the best time to attract visitors to our parish. There will be an announcement in the newspaper the week previous and Council members will be asked to be present at the Masses that weekend with their name tags on. The Holiday Schedule brochures will be available as well as Coffee Hours at all three sites.

➤ **Updates**

Father Bob was pleased that the parish met its quota for the CMA even though we did not come in first.

The date for the February Pastoral Council meeting needs to be changed due to a conflict so the new date will be Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Carol Reed and Maria Rosica asked that Outreach Day be added to the December Agenda.

➤ **Summary**

Open Forum – no one present.

Councilor Concerns – Request for altar server training for students at St. John Neumann School and Suggestion for earlier ending to Council meeting by shortening break or eliminating break and have “coffee and” during meeting. Referred to Executive Council.

Housekeeping – Slots filled for Welcome Table on November 22-23; December meeting is our Christmas party and everyone is asked to bring something to share.

Vision Statement & Rochester ACTS Goals – After considerable discussion, the updated Vision Statement was returned to subcommittees for review and amending to reflect any of the concerns/issues which were the result of the Listening sessions. Any concerns/issues not covered in the Vision Statement could be added as Goal 6. Rick asked that the updates be sent to him by December 1st.

Financial Report – Fr. Bob reported that the parish has reached its quota for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. St. John Neumann School budget will be presented later this month.

Youth Report – CYO Soccer has ended for this season and Basketball is just beginning. Both Junior and Senior Youth Groups have been busy with fun activities and service projects. Several projects are in the planning stage for December.

Welcome Home Weekend Date – December 13/14 is the weekend for this event with publicity the week previous in the newspaper, Pastoral Council members are asked to be present (with their name tags) at the Masses, and Coffee Hours at all three sites.

Updates – Fr. Bob has had to change the February Council meeting to February 24th due to a conflict.

Closing Prayer: Jane
The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Opening Prayer: Katie Bess
Closing Prayer: Augie Misiurewicz

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers