

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
St. James Church – Resource Room

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

Excused: Cathy Buyer-Davis and Mary Ann Emerson

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

- **Opening Prayer** – Fr. Tim/Katie
Principles of Community from Covenant read by all

- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June minutes as written and the September agenda with a minor correction: the location of the meeting was the St. James Resource Room.

- **Open Forum** – No One present

- **Councilor's Concerns**

The concern regarding the correct pronunciation of names in the Intentions by the Lectors at Liturgies was brought up again. More attention to this concern will be addressed at all sites. A question was raised as to whether the names of deceased parishioners are mentioned at all sites; every attempt is made to include all but there are occasional slip-ups. A concern regarding Eucharistic Ministers not appearing for their scheduled assignments was addressed. All sites endeavor to make this occurrence go smoothly when it happens. Fr. Bob indicated that the new Sacramental Guidelines will be coming out in the very near future.

- **Review and Discussion of "Tools" for Vision Statement 2014-2015 - All**

Rick and his committee passed out a well-done draft resulting from input from the book, *Tools for Rebuilding* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran, which Council members had been asked to read and be ready to present their three most important goals at Pastoral Reflection Day in August. After considerable discussion, it was determined that the most efficient way to address the issues was to form sub-committees to further study the different objectives and report back to Fr. Bob/Rick by October 3 so their recommendations could be incorporated into a revised draft to be presented at the next meeting.

- **Youth Report** – Cece/Florence

Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups will be starting up again next week with a portion of the meeting time with parents. Participation in Outreach projects will be explored.

➤ **Financial Report** – Fr. Bob

Fr. distributed an abbreviated financial report showing the new goal for the CMA which is \$95,840 which represents a slight increase over last year. A small reception is planned for Sunday, September 21 at St. John the Evangelist site as a kick-off to this appeal.

The question was raised as to the amount of subsidy which comes from the Diocese for St. John Neumann School. Fr. Bob reported that \$420,000 is the amount but a large percentage of that is already allocated to tuition assistance.

➤ **Cultural Diversity** – All

Hispanic Cultural Awareness Month is approaching. Last year with the help of our seminarian we celebrated at the three sites. An effort will be made to locate the posters which were well-received. During the year, efforts are made to celebrate many different cultures. Fr. Bob suggested one way to celebrate would be remembering our two seminarians in prayer or by sending them a written note or card. Eric will be ordained a Deacon on June 6 of next year here in Rochester.

➤ **Updates** – Fr. Bob

School – School enrollment is down slightly and we have a very diverse enrollment. There is a search committee in place to hire a new principal; it is expected interviews will be starting soon. Curriculum night with Open House is scheduled for next week. The first School Mass for this year is scheduled for next week also.

Directory – The final appointments for portraits will be Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20th; there are about 11 slots open. About 380 pictures have been taken to date. The next step will be to get volunteers to take photos of the homebound, then the actual set-up for the directory will get underway.

Knights of Columbus – A chicken dinner to benefit the school is planned for October.

Festival – This event is being put on hold for a year. The input from the surveys is helping the committee look at other options, including a golf event/dinner, a kids night, and a casino night. There will still be a car raffle associated with an event.

Church Update – The 100th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Church is being celebrated with a Mass and reception on Sunday, October 5. All former pastors and many others have been sent an invitation. Monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Wednesday of the month will start at the St. James site next week.

➤ **Housekeeping** - Rick

The form for Welcome Table sign-up for September 27/28 was passed around and all slots are filled.

➤ **Summary**

Open Forum – no one present

Councilor's Concerns – Three issues of concern: pronunciation of names at the Intentions, requests for prayers for deceased parishioners at Liturgies and Eucharistic Ministers not fulfilling their assignments; matters discussed and will be addressed as needed.

Review and Discussion of "Tools" for Vision Statement - After considerable discussion on the first draft, it was decided to have sub-committees to further define the different objectives under the Goals to be forwarded to Fr. Bob and Rick by October 3 so a revised draft can be ready for the next meeting in October.

Youth Report – Jr. and Sr. High Groups are starting this month.

Financial Report – Fr. Bob distributed a financial report which included the goal (\$95,840 – slightly higher than last year) for the Catholic Ministries Appeal which will begin shortly.

Cultural Diversity – Hispanic Cultural Awareness Month begins in September. Fr. Bob suggested a good way to celebrate this event would be to remember our two seminarians who are away at school with a card or note.

Updates –

School: enrollment down; very diverse enrollment. Search is on for a new principal; interviews will be starting.

Directory: final portraits sitting scheduled for September 19/20. Next step will be asking for volunteers to take pictures of homebound and then the actual set-up will begin.

Knights of Columbus: Chicken dinner planned for October 3rd to benefit the school.

Festival: This event is on hold for this coming year; other options being explored with help from the input of the surveys.

Upcoming Event: 100th Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist Church is being celebrated on Sunday, October 5 at Mass with a reception to follow.

Housekeeping – Form for Welcome Table on September 27/28 was passed around and all slots have been filled.

Closing Prayer: Bob C.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Hospitality: Katie B.

Opening Prayer: Vern C.

Closing Prayer: Carol R.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers