

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall  
October 5, 2021

Council Members Present: Mary Ann Borrelli, Kathy Callahan, Vern Connors, Judy Dickinson, Carol Fuchs, Jane Koch, Ann Kurz, Mary Lochner, Cerys Montanarello, Guy Kevin Reed, Anne Ross, Shanna Sellers, Catherine Witner

Parish Representatives Present: Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr. Tim Brown, Deacon Marcelo DeRisio, Rob Layer

Excused: Deacon Robert Corsaro, Emily Kwiatkowski, John David McManus

Others Present: None

Recording Secretary: Vern Connors

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm

1. Opening Prayer: Rob Layer
2. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Cathy Witner to approve the September 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Rob Layer, adopted unanimously. The October 5th meeting agenda was also accepted as presented.
3. Open Forum – no one spoke at open forum.
4. Welcome Weekend – Packets have been updated with letter from Father Peter. Mary Ann reminded Council members that there are scripts for follow up calls to new parishioners who complete the census forms in the Welcome Weekend packets. Judy offered to coach new Council members in the Welcome Weekend and follow up process with new parishioners.
5. North Winton Festival - Thanks to Father Peter, Judy, Carol, Jane, and Ann Ross for staffing the Peace of Christ table at the festival. They reported that a number of visitors stopped by to learn more about the parish. Mary Ann will contact the festival organizers to update our email contact information to ensure timely communications about future North Winton Festival events.
6. Youth Ministry Report – Youth Counselor Cerys Montanarello presented an update of recent and upcoming Youth Ministry activities. A copy of their report is attached to the minutes for details.
7. Financial Report – Father Peter presented an update of the Parish finances. Although we are doing slightly better than budgeted through September, our parish (not consolidated) budget plans for a major deficit by the end of the fiscal year. The consolidated budget report obscures the fact that a very large part of the school's money comes from the parish. Father Peter plans to ask the Finance Office to present those reports in a different format in future to provide a clearer picture of the parish finances. The Catholic Ministries Appeal begins in October, and Peace of Christ has a goal of \$111,401. A copy of the Financial Report is attached to the minutes for details.
8. Parish Survey – There were 177 responses to the survey, which was sent out with the Time, Talent & Treasure mailing. A summary of the surveys were presented by Kathy Callahan, Carol Fuchs, Ann Ross, Jane Koch, and Cathy Witner, who each reviewed a portion of the surveys. Ann Kurz volunteered to

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compile a comprehensive report of the survey responses and will bring the results back to a future Council meeting. General survey findings reported are presented below:

- a. COVID-19 Services – Parishioners appreciated the livestream masses, rosaries, and other services during the pandemic shutdown, and indicated that they would like those services to continue. However, Father Peter pointed out that on-line attendance was very low once in-person attendance was reinstated. Parishioners were also grateful for the safety precautions that were taken when in-person services were restarted.
- b. Supplemental Programs/Materials – Parishioners value Adult Faith Formation programs, Youth Groups, Bereavement Groups, and supplemental materials that are available such as the Word Among Us, and the Advent and Lenten Books.
- c. Social Events – Parishioner appreciate the opportunity to participate in social events such as parish dinners, coffee hours, and the Day of Caring community services.
- d. Parish Communications – A number of surveys mentioned improving parish communications through the Bulletin, regular website updates, and the Social Ministry newsletter among others. Another suggestion was to provide a listing of departed parishioners in the Bulletin as fewer parishioners regularly read the obituary listings in the newspaper.
- e. Homebound Parishioners – would like more outreach and contacts by the parish, especially those who do not have internet connections. Rob Layer requested that he be provided with contact information for any homebound parishioners so that they can be added to that list and efforts made to reach out to them.
- f. Other Suggestions - The survey review prompted several suggestions from the Council for improving parish engagement: follow up letters to families of baptized children to encourage ongoing faith engagement, annual reunions for participants in the Fully Engaged program, Ministry Minutes, and listening sessions for the pastor.

Closing Prayer: Ann Kurz

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted - Vernon Connors, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: November 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the St. John the Evangelist Church Hall