

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall  
February 8, 2022

Council Members Present: Mary Ann Borrelli, Judy Dickinson, Kathy Callahan, Vern Connors, Jane Koch, Ann Kurz, John David McManus, Bernadette Piccininni, Guy Kevin Reed, Cathy Witner

Parish Representatives Present: Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr. Tim Brown

Excused: Deacon Robert Corsaro, Deacon Marcelo DeRisio, Emily Kwiatkowski, Anne Ross, Shanna Sellers

Absent: Mary Lochner

Others Present: None

Recording Secretary: Vern Connors

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm

1. Opening Prayer: Jane Koch
2. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were amended to correct the January meeting date to January 11,2022. Motion by Guy Kevin Reed to approve the January meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Cathy Whitner, adopted unanimously. The February meeting agenda was also accepted as presented.
3. Open Forum – No one spoke at Open Forum.
4. Council Chair Forum – Carol Fuchs has resigned from Parish Council. Mary Ann Borrelli thanked Carol for her many years of service over three terms on Council. Bernadette Piccininni was welcomed as a new member of Council taking Carol's place. Mary Ann passed around a list of new Peace of Christ parishioners that have joined the parish since July 2021. There are 11 new families and seven new individuals who have joined since July.
5. Youth Ministry Report – Valentines were made for Brighton Manor residents and homebound parishioners. They will be delivered by February 14th. Four teens from Peace of Christ will be attending the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer along with teens from other area parishes. Attendance at Youth Ministry events have been low this year. Local Youth Ministers plan to meet to share ideas to increase participation.
6. Adult Faith Formation – Mary Ann shared a Winter/Spring Adult Faith Formation schedule of events from Emily Kwiatkowski. Consecration to St. Joseph discussion groups will meet on Wednesday at St. John's or Thursdays at St. James beginning on February 23 and 24. A potluck St. Joseph's Table lunch will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> in St. John's Hall. All are invited.
7. Financial Report – Father Peter presented the January financial report. The Parish has experienced a - \$220,118 year-to-date deficit. This is favorable to the budget year-to-date deficit of -\$391,113 due mainly to the deferral of planned Capital improvements to the St. John's parking lot as the new charter school may pay to repave the lot to handle the weight of buses this fall.
  - a) St. John's School Building – Discussions continue regarding the sale/rental of the St. John's School

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- building. A zoning hearing will be held by the City to facilitate a sale of the building. Father Peter plans to invite David McBride, the Principal of the new charter school, to the March Parish Council meeting to discuss plans for the school and answer any questions that parishioner may have
- b) Capital Projects – The parish has a number of needs including repairs to the St. Ambrose bells, the St. John’s stained-glass windows, and a light replacement project at St. Ambrose. Fr. Peter plans to present this information at the March Parish Council meeting to get feedback from parishioners.
8. Parish Survey – Father Peter will include survey information in the bulletin the weekend of February 19-20, and 10 copies will be available at each of the worship sites that weekend.
9. Parish Committees – Council members gave brief overviews of parish committees that they serve on:
- a) St. Ambrose Academy Garden Club – has 10 student participants this year. They learn the basics about soil, pollination, bulb planting, seed germination, companion planting, and soil restoration.
  - b) Parish Garden Club – will ask to receive funding in the parish budget.
  - c) Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus - meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. They conduct monthly collections to support local clothes closets. They are currently planning the upcoming St. Patrick’s Dinner to be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) Prison Ministry – member of Prison Ministry of Upstate NY (PMUNY), a collection of 13 church groups headquartered in Perinton. The group has had limited activity in the past two years due to the pandemic, but is beginning to restart programs. Hold monthly Zoom meetings in eight correctional facilities, and also provide a daily prayer in both English and Spanish.
10. Parish Council Covenant – Mary Ann asked all Committee members to review the Parish Council Covenant on the website and bring any recommendations for updates/changes to the March meeting for discussion and review,

Closing Prayer: Kathy Callahan

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted - Vernon Connors, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: March 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the St. John the Evangelist Church Hall