

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
St. Ambrose Church Conference Room

**Attendance:** Bruce Cavallaro , Bob Crego, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Stephanie Lewis, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner and Sr. Marlene Vigna

**Absent:** Drew Desmarais, Fr. Tim Brown

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Bob C.

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January Minutes with two revisions and the February agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Katie visited another parish recently and brought a sample of the welcoming envelope to show to Council. There was discussion on what we might include in our welcome packet. Fr. Bob suggested tabling any further discussion and having everyone bring suggestions/ideas in April and the topic would be an item on the April agenda.

Bruce had someone approach him with a complaint that nothing had been said regarding the inauguration at the Masses. However, in the Intentions, prayers had been requested for the newly-elected.

➤ **Community Outreach Day (Saturday, April 29)** – Ruth

Information will be published in the Church Bulletin the weekend of February 18-19. The Knights of Columbus and the Women's Auxiliary have been contacted. The Auxiliary will oversee the making of sandwiches for the workers' lunches and the breakfast. The new building for the House of Mercy is not ready at the present time. Maria Rosica is the coordinator for this project and she will keep in contact with Sr. Grace. There will be a meeting after the feedback from the bulletin notices to finalize the projects.

➤ **Parish Dinner/Raffle Update** –Bob C.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, February 1. An order has been placed for 1000 tickets. The price is one for \$25, three for \$60, and ten for \$100. There has been no decision on the caterer for the dinner to be held on Saturday, May 20. Bob C. has made several contacts.

Katie offered to check a different restaurant she is familiar with and get the information back to Bob. Sale of the raffle tickets will begin early in April with an announcement made previously at the Masses to alert parishioners so they will be prepared to purchase the tickets. Bob C. asked for volunteers to help and most of the Masses are covered. The Car Wash and Recycling Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, the week before the dinner. He is still checking into one or more mementos to have available for sale to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Peace of Christ Parish. Several ideas were suggested – a windbreaker, sweater, cap, and one Bob C. mentioned - a frame with a clock with an inscription. He is open to all suggestions.

➤ **Youth Report** – Mark and Stephanie

Upcoming activities in February include assisting at the Community Service of Unity Dinner at St. Ambrose Church on February 11, participation in V Encuentro sessions and helping First Holy Communicants with their projects. The Hands of Christ Award ceremony was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> and two of our youth members from the parish were recognized - Katherine Warth and our own youth representative, Mark Mang. The Sr. High Youth Group is being discontinued for this year due to a lack of interest. There will be no representation from our parish to the National Catholic Youth Conference this year. All the teams will participate in the Mary Grace Ryan Tournament at Our Lady of Mercy High School, February 19-22. This tournament completes the season for basketball this year.

➤ **Financial Report & Discussion** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob distributed the financial report as of 1/31/17 and reviewed the Mass attendance and collection figures. To date, we have received 120% of our goal in pledges for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Half of the overage of paid pledges is returned to the parish when the appeal is completed in May.

➤ **Parish Covenant Review**

Council members had been asked to review this document before the meeting. One correction was made – under Resignation, the last sentence should read: If the replacement only serves one year, they will be allowed to serve one more term at their discretion. The Covenant will be ratified as corrected by all of Parish Council members at the April meeting.

➤ **Vision Statement Updates & Discussion**

Ann handed out copies with several items highlighted for review.

Regarding Goal #1, 1.2, Carol and Joe did visit one of the Social Ministry Committee meetings. There was discussion on the Pastoral Council Committees responsibility, in the Pastoral Council Covenant, as to the sentence, “each standing parish committee shall submit to the pastoral council a list of the past year’s accomplishments along with the committee’s goals for the upcoming year.” Carol and Joe did bring a very complete list of the committee’s activities for the year but nothing was said about goals. It might be uncomfortable for members of council to visit committees and ask regarding their goals for the year. Fr. Bob will contact the committee heads and review this procedure.

Goal #3, 3.3. After considerable discussion, it was recommended that this be an Agenda item in April.

There was a great deal of discussion, amending, deleting to several of the highlighted items. Ann will revise and bring an updated version to the next meeting.

➤ **School Update – Fr. Bob**

Open House took place on Tuesday, January 31 and several new families attended. A preschool parent has offered to help wherever needed on the advancement committee of the School Council. Contact was made to several neighboring parishes who agreed to publish information about the school in their weekly bulletins. Scholarships are available. Everyone is encouraged to promote our school to family, friends and neighbors. School Council is considering a rebranding of the school; a change of name at the end of this year. Council was in full agreement of Peace of Christ School (at St. Ambrose) so the school is more easily identified.

As part of his commitment with the Priests Council, Fr. Bob is involved in other ministries such as the Priest Advisory Committee of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. St. John Neumann School has been added to the list. He is meeting with Lynn Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, about the possibility of a grant for the school.

The YMCA is interested in renting our building, gym and grounds at the St. Ambrose site for their summer program. This would be an excellent source of income and exposure to other families for St. John Neumann School.

➤ **Nominating Committee Update – Rick**

The ballot boxes have been located. Information will be published in the church bulletins starting in April (Easter Sunday).

➤ **Housekeeping & Other Items– Ann**

Rev. Mr. Juan Benitez will be ordained on Saturday, June 3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, June 4 at the 9:45 am Mass at the St. Ambrose Church.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7 pm in the Resource Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at St. James School. There will not be a meeting in March.

➤ **Closing Prayer - Jean**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers

April 5 Meeting:  
Opening Prayer: Katie  
Closing Prayer: Bob C.  
Refreshments: Katie