

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Bruce Cavallaro, Carolyn Conrow, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Carol Fuchs, Patrick Larkin, Rob Layer, Jean McClure, Sue Morrison, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Absent/Excused: Alan Dickinson, Joan Frazier

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Rob Layer, Drew Desmarais, Sr. Marlene Vigna

➤ **Approval of December Minutes and January Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January Minutes with one correction – Under School Report, Maureen McGuire graduated from St. John the Evangelist School - and the January agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum** – No one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Joan Frazier is absent from tonight's meeting because she is recuperating from a fall and she hopes to be at the February meeting. A mention was made that some nursing homes are in need of Communion Ministers. This precipitated a discussion on the continual need for help at Brighton Manor and at the hospitals in the area. Rob Layer mentioned that the majority of patients in the hospitals are Catholics with no affiliation.

➤ **RocACTS Reports**

Bruce reported that his meeting had been cancelled due to the weather. Carolyn and Joanne reported that there was a time conflict with their meetings – actually their groups are meeting at the same time as Pastoral Council. Fr. Bob has a meeting this week and will give a report at next month's council meeting.

➤ **Youth Report** – Patrick Larkin

The Niagara Chocolate Fundraiser began on November 20; all money is due by Monday, January 22. The funds raised will be used to offset the cost of attendance at diocesan-sponsored retreats. There are two retreats scheduled at Camp Stella Maris, one January 13-14 and another February 16-20. Members of the youth group helped in distributing food baskets and at the Family Gathering in December. The Youth Groups will be meeting on January 8 and 22 at St. James. Jacqueline Mang will be receiving the Hands of Christ Award on Monday, February 5 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Greece. On Tuesday, February 6, Paul Appleby, Nicholas Bruno, Cecelia Elliott, Lily Ryan and Madeline Valvo will be receiving the Hands of Christ Award at St. Kateri, in Irondequoit. A tentative date of February 11, 1 – 3 pm has been set for the Bowling Party at L&M Lanes. Basketball season ends on February 17th.

➤ **Finance/School/CMA Report** – Fr. Bob Schrader

The financial report as of 12/31/17 was distributed. The parish has reached its goal of \$105,637 with 113% pledged. Bishop Matano sent a thank you acknowledgment to the parish. Mass attendance continues to be lower which reflects the area trend. Hopefully the ChristLife program will help to change that trend.

Enrollment has dropped at the School due to financial reasons. Every effort was made to help but the problem could not be resolved. Promotions for next year are in the planning stage. Open House will be held at the end of the month with a drawing for a free registration fee. (Family must be present in order to be eligible.) The website is being changed to reflect the name change to St. Ambrose Academy for the 2017-18 School Year. Catholic Schools Week begins on the last Sunday in January.

➤ **Community Outreach Day** – Rick Eisenman

This activity is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. There will be an article with information in the church bulletin in the near future. Council Members are encouraged to add their input. Sign-up sheets will be at the three sites in March. Carol Fuchs offered to contact the Women's Auxiliary to see if they will continue to make the lunches for the volunteers. The Time, Talent and Treasure sheets will be reviewed.

➤ **ChristLife** – Joyce

The deadline for registering for the first meeting on Wednesday, January 17 is Monday, the 15th. Pastoral Council is responsible for the meeting on Wednesday, February 21. A reminder for those interested in seeing the video ahead of time, it will be available at 6:30 pm prior to the next Council Meeting on February 13.

➤ **Nominating Committee** – Joe Dilal and Rick Eisenman

Information will be posted in the bulletin. Ballots will be available and collected in boxes at the three sites. The drawing of names for the four openings will take place on May 20th, Pentecost Sunday.

➤ **Covenant** – Rick Eisenman

Rick asked Council members to review the covenant so it can be finalized at the February meeting. (Agenda item for February)

➤ **Housekeeping**

Welcome Table scheduled for January 27/28.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Jean McClure

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Opening Prayer: Bruce Cavallaro
Closing Prayer: Sue Morrison
Refreshments: Mary Ellen Steele

Next meeting: St. John Church Hall – Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers