

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
St. John the Evangelist Church

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

Excused: Carol Reed

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Sr. Marlene and Bob Crego

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the February minutes and April agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum** – Nick Koomen inquired how the Diocese determined the amount of the assessment for the parish for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Fr. Bob explained it was based on several items e.g. plate collection, attendance. Nick mentioned that we usually come in about first in this appeal and wondered if this could work against the parish resulting in a higher assessment. Fr. Bob assured him that this would not be the case and told him that the Diocese reviews all parishes every 5 – 7 years which resulted in a lower assessment for our parish for this last appeal.

Nick also brought his concern to Council about what he feels is a lack of follow-up visits or calls to family of deceased parishioners or homebound parishioners. Fr. Bob will bring his concern to the staff meeting for consideration.

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

A contact to a new registrant was made and gratefully received. Mention was made on the beauty of the Easter Vigil Mass. Council members were encouraged to spread the word about the Mass Mob to be held on April 19 at 4 pm at St. Michael's Church to be followed by a potluck supper.

➤ **Community Outreach Day, Saturday, April 25, 2015** - Jane

Everything is proceeding well. The sign-up posters will be at the three sites for one more week. To date, about 80 people have volunteered to help. Jane will be contacting volunteers this week looking for site-coordinators where needed. Jason Dusetz has taken on the responsibility for contacting food vendors.

➤ **Festival and May Events** – Bob C.

On Sunday, April 12, 1 – 3pm in Dailey Hall at St. Ambrose, tickets went on sale for the First Annual Peace of Christ Parish Dinner (which is taking place instead of the Festival), to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, 5:30 pm. There is a limit of 250 for this event; 93 were sold on Sunday. Tickets will be available at the parish office. Bob C. is looking for help to set up Dailey Hall on Friday, May 1 at 5 pm.

Fr. Bob suggested posting a sign on the car to be raffled with the date of the drawing. Previously, the event had been held in June.

The Recycling event will take place at St. Ambrose parking lot from 11 am – 2 pm, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 2. Bob C. was able to make a contact and happily announced that we will be able to accept television sets and monitors.

The Youth Group is planning to have a car wash at the same time as the recycling event and it was suggested that instead of stating a dollar amount for the car wash they ask for a free will donation.

The Family Fun Fest is scheduled for Friday, June 5th from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. Katie B. reported that plans are well underway with games and a Bounce House and plenty of prizes. Council members are encouraged to support this event.

➤ **Youth – Cece/Florence**

Every Wednesday both Youth Groups have been meeting at St. Michael's Woodshop to prime and paint finished wood products. The Catholic Courier will be featuring our group in an article sometime in June. Youth groups will help with the Community Outreach Day on Saturday, April 25. The last Youth Mass for this year will take place on Sunday, April 26. Two events are scheduled for Saturday morning, May 2, there will be a 5K run at St. Lawrence Church in Greece and the Car Wash at St. Ambrose from 11 am – 2 pm. Friday, June 5, 5:30 – 9:30 pm, both groups will run a booth at Family Fun Fest.

➤ **Financial Report - Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob distributed and reviewed the report as of March 31, 2015. We are now at 120% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal. St. John Neumann School has registered some new families for next school year.

➤ **Covenant Review – Fr. Bob/Rick**

At the last meeting, Council was asked to review the Covenant. Some suggestions/additions to the Covenant were made as follows:

Page 1. MEMBERSHIP: The first sentence should read: The pastoral council shall be composed of twelve parishioners, normally at least two from each of the three worship sites.....

Page 2. MEETINGS: Remove the sentence "The recording secretary shall be a non-council member." - duplicate/also stated on Page 3 under OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

Page 3. OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES: Delete the word “current” from the last paragraph to read – Only members of the council who have had at least one year of service may hold the office of chairperson or vice-chairperson.

Page 4. RESIGNATION: Add final sentence: A replacement will be selected from the most recent nomination pool.

Changes will be made and the final version will be re-affirmed at the May meeting.

➤ **Vision Statement/Rochester ACTS Action** – Bob Crego, Bob Genthner and Laura Gleeson

Vision Statement: Bob C. reported on progress made on two of the items under Goal #5 “Make Church Matter.”

5.4 Make members of the Pastoral Council more recognizable: Pictures have been posted at all three sites – goal accomplished.

5.6 Schedule a town-hall style meeting to field questions..... Adult Formation Committee is presently working on this item.

Rochester Acts: Bob and Laura presented Information on Rochester ACTS (Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society) and their latest initiative to bring attention to poverty wages, a March and Rally for “Fight for 15”, on April 15, 2015, 5 pm at the Eastman Quad, University of Rochester. Peace of Christ Parish is a founding member of this action group which meets monthly and supports social issues. As representatives, they attend meetings and are asked to vote on action steps relating to Jobs, Poverty and Education. They refer to Fr. Bob as spokesperson for the parish; Fr. Bob looks to Council for pastoral support. This being the first time Council had been involved in this process, members were unsure of the procedure to be followed. After discussion, Rick asked for a show of hands and the vote was affirmative to show support for this initiative.

➤ **Pictorial Directory** - Vern

The final work on the activity pages is almost completed. The committee will be meeting shortly to review the draft and then it will be sent to Lifetouch for the final draft to be processed. Once the final draft is reviewed and returned to Lifetouch, it should take about six weeks for delivery.

➤ **Council Nominating Committee** – Cathy

The church bulletin dated April 12, 2015 had an article regarding nominations for the openings on 2015-16 Pastoral Council. Ballots will be available April 26 through May 9. Ballot boxes are available at the three sites. Drawing of names will be on the weekend of May 23/24, 2015.

➤ **Housekeeping**

Welcome Table slots for April at the three sites are filled.

➤ **Summary**

Approval of February Minutes/April Agenda – accepted as written.

Open Forum – Nick K had an inquiry regarding how the diocesan assessment is calculated and Fr. Bob explained it is based on several items. In addition, he has a concern about the level of follow-up to families of deceased parishioners and the homebound.

Councilor's Concerns – Council members were encouraged to spread the word about the Mass Mob to be held on April 19 at 4 pm at St. Michael's Church followed by a potluck supper.

Community Outreach Day – Jane reported that sign-up posters will be at the three sites for one more week. About 80 people have volunteered. Everything appears to be progressing well.

Festival and May Events – Tickets for the Dinner on May 2 which is replacing the Festival went on sale on Sunday, April 12; 93 were sold. Bob C. is looking for help in setting up Dailey Hall on Friday, May 1, 5 pm. Fr. Bob suggested putting a sign on the car stating the date of the raffle as this event is earlier than the Festival has been. The Recycling event will take place rain or shine from 11 am – 2 pm along with a Youth Group Car Wash.

Katie B. encouraged members to support the Family Fun Fest on Friday, June 5, from 5:30 – 9:30 pm.

Youth – Both Youth groups have been meeting every Wednesday at St. Michael's Woodshop to prime and paint wood products and the Catholic Courier will be featuring them in an article in June. Several activities are planned in the near future – helping with Community Outreach Day, Youth Mass, a 5-K run, volunteering at the Car Wash and running a booth at Family Fun Fest.

Financial Report – Fr. Bob distributed and reviewed the report.

Covenant Review – Revisions were suggested to the covenant and they will be included in a final version to be re-affirmed at the May meeting.

Vision Statement – Bob C. reported on action taken on two steps under Goal #5, 5.4 Making Pastoral Council members more recognizable – pictures posted at all three sites. 5.6 Schedule a town-hall type meeting – Adult Formation Committee is presently working on questions and scheduling a meeting.

Rochester ACTS - Bob Genthner and Laura Gleeson gave an overview of the initiatives of this group of which Peace of Christ Parish is a founding member and explained the event planned for Wednesday, April 15, a March and Rally, "Fight for Fifteen", a poverty issue.

Pictorial Directory – Final work is being done; then draft will be processed by Lifetouch; returned for final review.

Council Nominating Committee – Cathy reported that information about making nominations is in Sunday bulletin; ballots will be available the weekend of April 25 through May 9 and should be placed in the ballot boxes. Drawing of names will be the weekend of May 23/24.

Housekeeping – Welcome Table slots for April at the three sites are filled.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Katie

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Opening Prayer: Augie Misiurewicz

Closing Prayer: Mary Ann Emerson

Hospitality: Bob Crego

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers