

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 9, 2016  
St. John the Evangelist Church

**Attendance:** Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Joe Dilal, Drew Desmarais, Cece Elliott, Mary Ann Emerson, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner, Sr. Marlene Vigna

**Excused:** Joanne Driscoll, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz and Jean McClure

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

- **Opening Prayer** – Jane
- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

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

- **Open Forum** – no one present
- **Councilor's Concerns** – none
- **Community Outreach Day** – Jane/Ruth

Dave O'Keefe has agreed to be the photographer again this year for this event. Bob C. suggested contacting our bulletin advertisers to see if there is anything that could be done for them as a thank you for their advertising in our church bulletin. Contacts should be made to vendors for the food items for the volunteers' lunches. The donuts have already been ordered for the breakfast. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have also been contacted. Posters will be on display at the three sites as well as sign-up sheets by the end of March. This timeline would be beneficial because attendance at the Easter season is always up.

- **Raffle Update** – Bob C.

The final draft of the tickets was approved and 2200 tickets have been ordered. Contact will be made to all council members for help with raffle ticket sales at all the Masses during April. Arrangements have been made for the rental of the ATM's. It was decided that the raffle tickets will be on sale downstairs at the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. James as the ATM machine will be kept locked up when not in use in the kitchen. The same procedure will be used at St. John's Masses with the machine locked up when not in use. Measurements need to be taken to see if the ATM will fit in a closet at St. Ambrose when not in use. More details to follow. Everyone should have received the information about the raffle tickets in the mailing sent out from Fr. Schrader. To help promote the sale of tickets, the sign in front of St.

Ambrose Church will show the amount of the grand prize and will be updated to reflect a change as ticket sales increase.

➤ **Youth Report – CeCe**

The 5 pm Mass with Youth at St. Ambrose Church on Sunday, January 31 was a success; several youth members participated. The next Mass with Youth will be on Sunday, February 28 and it will feature the youth ensemble and choir. Wednesday, February 17, 1 – 4 pm, there is a just-for-fun bowling tournament for urban parish youth groups at St. Boniface Men’s Club Bowling Alley. A Movie (“Little Boy”) and Pizza event is planned for Sunday, February 21, 4:30 – 7:30 at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. CYO games are ending the weekend of February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Faith Through Sports Awards ceremony will be coming up in March at a date to be announced.

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

Fr. Bob reviewed the financial report as of January 31, 2016 showing we have already received about \$7000 over our parish goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Fr. Bob has an appointment at the Diocesan Office to present the school budget for next year.

➤ **Parish Covenant Review**

The question of the interpretation of Membership Selection, #5 was reviewed. Fr. Bob interpreted it to confirm that Joyce Raymond, who is serving the remainder of a term for a council member who resigned, is eligible to stay on for another year. This statement will be reworded to comply with new diocesan directives. Council will be asked to vote on the amended covenant at the meeting in May.

➤ **Vision Statement Discussion – Bob C./Joyce**

Regarding Goal 5.5, there was discussion on the details for a town hall meeting. It was decided that Sunday would be the best option, perhaps early afternoon so someone could attend the late Mass and come to the meeting to be held at St. James Church Hall. Possible dates are October 9, 16, or 23. Refreshments would be served. Hopefully Maureen McGuire, a hometown television celebrity, would be able to serve as moderator. Bulletin announcements and flyers would be passed out in September. A questionnaire will be created for any concerns/questions about parish life or faith for use by parishioners that can be filled out and handed in prior to the meeting. This will give staff an opportunity to review questions/concerns in advance and address them either at the meeting or one-on-one. The questionnaires will be available at the three sites along with collection boxes. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have the forms available at the coffee hours.

Goal 5.3, remove the phrase “by introducing them at Mass” from the statement.

Goal #5, Bob reminded council to act as greeters at the Masses they attend if possible.

Goal 3.3, regarding a Ministries weekend, Ann and Mary Ann will contact committee chairpersons with suggested dates. It was suggested that it might be beneficial to have the time coincide with coffee hours.

Goal 2.3 – Katie – change Youth Mass to “Youth at Mass”.

➤ **School Update** – Fr. Bob

Catholic Schools Week at St. John Neumann School was held the first week of February. Preschool and Kindergarten figures are encouraging but it is hoped more families for the upper grades levels will register for next year. School Council has good incentives to help attract more families. Advertising on both radio and television stations is planned. The school budget is being presented to the Diocese Office early in February. The Diocese has notified the parish that the subsidy is being reduced by \$100,000.

➤ **Nominating Committee Update** – Katie

A report will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

➤ **Housekeeping** – Bob C.

All slots have been filled for Welcome Table for February 27/28.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Katie

Next meeting:	Tuesday, March 29, 2016, St. John’s Church Hall
Hospitality:	Katie Onorato
Opening Prayer:	Ann Holstrom
Closing Prayer:	Carol Fuchs

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers