

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
St. James Church – Resource Room

**Attendance:** Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Cece Elliott, Ann Holstrom, Melissa Mang, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Augie Misiurewicz, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Sr. Marlene Vigna.

**Excused:** Cathy Buyer-Davis, Drew Desmarais, Mary Ann Emerson, Carol Fuchs, Mark Mang, Jean McClure and Ruth Tanner

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December minutes with corrections to timeline for Community Outreach Day and the January agenda as written. (Bulletin notices start in January, Bob asked for monthly updates)

- **Open Forum** – no one present
- **Councilor's Concerns**

Bob C. announced the dates for the Welcome Table for January will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. At the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, members were meeting after the Mardi Gras celebration at St. Ambrose. There is no celebration planned but the meeting will still be held at St. Ambrose unless otherwise notified. (Meeting moved to St. Johns)

Once again the concern regarding the pronunciation of names by the lectors at Mass was brought up. The Pastoral Associate at each site usually does review the names with the lectors but this does not always help. It is an on-going concern and every effort is made to make sure the names are pronounced correctly. ( Suggested that phonetic spelling be used for difficult names by the Pas and/or the Lector)

Joe Dilal asked whether there should be another opportunity for directories to be passed out after the Masses. It was felt that this was not necessary. 192 copies have not been picked up. Some of these are copies ordered for the

three sites for Welcome Weekend or new families. There will be a notice in the church bulletin this coming weekend for parishioners to pick up their copy at the parish office. There also will be copies for anyone who wishes to buy one.

➤ **Rochester Acts, School Update, Week of Prayer Report – Fr. Bob**

Rochester Acts - the training for new representatives will be taking place soon and Bob Insull and Karen Costello are planning to attend.

St. John Neumann School - Catholic Schools Week will be held the first week of February. The Marketing Committee will be looking into publicity for the next school year, possibly the rental of the billboard as in the past.

Week of Prayer – The 2016 Church Unity Octave Celebration will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 7 pm. at St. Mark's & St. John's Episcopal Church, 1243 Culver Road. All are encouraged to attend.

➤ **Youth Report – CeCe**

Two members of the Jr. High Youth Group attended an Advent Event at St. Stanislaus Parish on Saturday, December 13 and two members also plan to participate in a youth retreat on Saturday, February 6. There is a Sr. High Youth Retreat scheduled for January 23-24 at Camp Stella Maris – register on line. The deadline for nominations for the Hands of Christ Award is February 1. There is a movie night planned for both groups to see “Little Boy” – date to be announced. A Corporal Works of Mercy project is being planned for both groups on January 24 – more information to follow. A Youth Mass is planned for Sunday, January 31, 5 pm at St. Ambrose Church. A Pancake Breakfast has been scheduled as a fund-raiser for the Boy Scouts on Sunday, January 17 at St. John's Church Hall. All are encouraged to support this endeavor. CYO teams began the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. New uniforms were needed for the boys' 5/6 team and the high school team.

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

Bob encouraged council members who are liaisons to keep in contact with the person(s) responsible for the individual goals and be prepared to report on the progress at the council meeting. Ann reported that she contacted Lamar Advertising regarding advertising on transit buses. She will get back to them for information on rates for local bus routes and if there is a better rate for different times of the year – Fall would most likely be the best for our purpose.

Everyone should have received the web site survey from the POC Web Team. Bob asked that everyone review it and return the form to Dave O'Keefe with any input.

Goal 5.5: Bob would like to schedule a town hall meeting. Joyce offered to help. The parish calendar will need to be checked for possible dates and sites at a time when the priests and pastoral associates/minister will be able to attend. A questionnaire will be created for any concerns/questions by parishioners that will be handed in prior to the meeting.

Goal 2.3: Katie suggested adding the Children's Nativity Pageant which was held on Christmas Eve to this goal.

➤ **Financial Report – Fr. Bob**

The financial report as of 12/31/15 was passed out. The CMA receipts are now over the actual goal - one-half of the overage will be returned to the parish after May 31, 2016.

St. John Neumann School Council is working on the tuition structure for next year. The Diocese has notified the parish that they anticipate reducing the subsidy for the school. Our school enrollment has decreased but the numbers for the lower grades are encouraging.

➤ **Community Outreach Day (Saturday, April 30, 2016) – Jane**

Notices have already been posted in the bulletin. The article will be updated listing suggested projects that could be considered. A suggestion was made that it might be a good idea to personally reach out to parishioners who no longer come to church. In addition, it could be promoted as a project where an entire family could be involved in volunteering together. Jane will contact Dave O'Keefe regarding photographing the activities of the day. The photos from last year will be used on the posters for this year. Contact will be made to the Girls and Boys Scout Troops and recruitment again at the High Schools. Information will be posted on the website.

➤ **Raffle and Parish Dinner Update – Bob**

The tickets have already been designed and we will use the same printer as before. 2000 tickets will be ordered – buy 4 get one free. Tickets will cost \$25 each. The free tickets will be a different design and only 100 will be ordered.

It is hoped that a letter stating the process for purchasing the tickets can be included in one of the mailings going out from the parish office in the near future. The grand prize if all 2000 are sold would be \$18,000. There will be a sign in front of St. Ambrose Church with removable numbers to denote the change in the grand prize. (The amount of the grand prize will change as it depends on the number of tickets sold.) There will be white boards at all sites as well as ATM's. The ATM's will be kept locked up when not in use. The timeline is as follows: March – announcements in bulletin; April – start selling tickets; the deadline for purchasing tickets is May 20, 2016, 3 pm. Help will be needed in selling the tickets and counting the money. The winner will be drawn at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parish Dinner to be held in Dailey Hall, on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Plans are underway for a recycling event and car wash on Saturday, May 14, 2016. The Youth Group, Knights of Columbus and Women's Auxiliary have offered to help.

➤ **Year of Mercy Update – Fr. Bob**

The ladders depicting the seven Corporal Works and the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy on display at the three sites have met with favorable comments. The Adult Formation Committee has been asked to prepare an inventory of how the parish has done on the Works of Mercy. A report will be made on Divine Sunday, on April 3, 2016. It will be an agenda item for April.

➤ **Nominating Committee and Covenant Updates – Katie/Bob C.**

We have four members whose term is up this June – Jane McGrath-Briggs, Mary Ann Emerson, Joyce Raymond, and Cathy Buyer-Davis. Ballots for nominations will be in the bulletin the weeks of April 10, 17 and 24th. After the nominations have been completed, the names should be given to the staff at the parish office for verification; then a call made to the individual to make sure they are willing to serve and are able to attend the June Council meeting, the Summer Reflection day and the monthly meetings for 2016-17. The drawing of the names takes place on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Bob asked that everyone review the Covenant and be ready to make suggestions for any changes at the next meeting.

➤ **Closing Prayer – Katie**

Hospitality:	Bob Crego
Opening Prayer:	Jane McGrath-Briggs
Closing Prayer:	Katie Onorato

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers