

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
St. John the Evangelist Church

**Attendance:** Katie Bess, Fr. Tim Brown, Florence Cardella, Vernon Connors, Bob Crego, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Cecelia Elliott, Mary Ann Emerson, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Mark Mang, Jean McClure, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Augie Misiurewicz, Joyce Raymond, Carol Reed, Maria Rosica, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner, Sr. Marlene Vigna

**Excused:** Cathy Buyer-Davis

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

- **Opening Prayer – Maria**
- **Introduction and Welcome to New Members and Acknowledgment to Outgoing Members – Fr. Bob**

New members for Pastoral Council for three-year terms are Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Carol Fuchs and Jean McClure. Joyce Raymond will be serving a one-year term in place of Julie Antinore who submitted her resignation last month. Mark Mang will be the new Youth Representative for a one-year term in place of Florence Cardella. Members who have completed their term and will be leaving are Vernon Connors, Rick Eisenman, Maria Rosica, and Carol Reed.

- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the May minutes with a correction and the June agenda as written.

- **Open Forum – No one present**

- **Councilor's Concerns**

Bob C. suggested that the Pastoral Council posters be removed from the three sites and updated with the pictures of the new members. There was a concern regarding the disruptive behavior of some adults and children at a recent event in Church. It was discussed and agreed that it is difficult to monitor this type of action.

- **Youth Report**

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups will continue meeting throughout the summer months with St. Michael's Wood Shop finishing ornaments to help supply medical supplies to a hospital in Haiti. The design for Youth Group T-Shirts has been selected and an order placed. Several of the Youth Group members helped with setting up and working at the Kids Fest on June 5. From now until November, the emphasis will be on raising funds to attend the National

Catholic Youth Conference to be held in Indianapolis. Several fund-raising ideas are being considered such as car washes, pasta dinners, Peace of Christ car decals, and selling candy bars. Senior High Youth members will be working at Vacation Bible Camp from July 20 – 24, 2015. Registration information for CYO Fall and Winter sport programs will be mailed out to families at St. John Neumann School the week of June 15.

➤ **Budget Presentation/Finance Report – Gary Smith**

Copies of the 2016 Budget were distributed. As anticipated, the Diocesan subsidy is being reduced; \$400,000 from the Diocese. The parish assessment is \$300,000. The anticipated overage from Catholic Ministries Appeal that ended on May 31, 2015 will be reflected under Bequests and Gifts. The question of what effect the loss of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade might have was raised. Gary indicated that the enrollment numbers were too low to field a class and there is a savings of a teacher salary and benefits. Council was asked to vote to accept the balanced budget and it passed by a unanimous vote.

➤ **Chair's Comments – Rick**

Rick reviewed the Summary of Activities for August 2014 through June 2015 that had been sent to members. He thanked Council for their support. He welcomed the new members and gave an overview on what they can expect. They will be receiving a copy of the Pastoral Covenant and Vision Statement. At the meetings, members sign-up for Opening and Closing Prayer (Prayer Sheets are provided) and Hospitality which means providing a light treat for members. In addition, there is a sign-up for the Welcome Table which is a monthly event at all Masses at the three sites for anyone who wishes to register in the parish (Information packets provided). As a follow-up, Council members will receive names of anyone who signed up at the Welcome Table or contacted the Parish Office and are asked to make a personal phone call to inquire if they need further information. In addition, Council meets once during the summer for Prayer, Lunch and Discussion. The sign-up sheet for September will be passed around at this summer meeting.

Pictures of new members will need to be taken and put on the website, as well as the posters in the three churches, and name tags will need to be made for Council members. New name signs for use at the meeting also will be needed; these are usually provided by the Parish Office Staff.

➤ **Updates & Reports**

Welcome to Deacon George Ramirez Velasquez, ordained on Saturday, June 6, who has been assigned to the parish through the end of July.

Carol R. mentioned she had seen signage at St. Ann's Church which caught her attention and was wondering if something similar could be done in our parish. The suggestion that perhaps a student at RIT might work on a design was made. Carol will follow up on this.

Fr. Bob reported that the parish is in good shape. Enrollment figures look promising for St. John Neumann School. We are getting close to opening a second Kindergarten class.

Time, Talent and Treasure forms will be mailed to everyone at the end of June. Deacon Carlos Mario Sanchez Betancur, who will be ordained at the Cathedral on June 20<sup>th</sup>, will be assigned to Peace of Christ Parish starting in July.

Vern reported that the parish directory is in the final stages. The committee will be meeting to review and proof the activity pages. The draft will then be sent on for a final copy which will then be proofed and sent to the printers.

Bob C. thanked Katie for all her work coordinating the very successful Kids Fest. Final figures are not in but \$1700 was taken in just from the games. School families participated and the principal, Jackie Senecal, promoted this activity. It is anticipated that this event will be repeated next year. Bob C. and Katie are retiring from serving as coordinators for these parish activities and will be looking for someone to take over for the future.

Fr. Bob said that RocACTS will be focusing on Child Poverty and Hunger Issues. The Priests Council is also addressing this problem.

Vision Statement Update: Goal 5.2 – Activity – Joint Choir event

A Hymn Festival, to celebrate our new parish hymnals, was held on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at St. John's Church Hall.

➤ **Elections**

After a brief discussion on the needed attributes for leadership, Bob Crego was elected chairperson and Katie Bess was elected as vice-chairperson for the coming year 2015-16. The role of the vice-chair is to take over in the absence of the chair and to head up the nominating committee in the Spring.

➤ **Summer Meeting**

The meeting will be on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall consisting of one hour of prayer, lunch, one hour of discussion. (A sign-up sheet for assignments at the September meeting will be passed around.)

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Ann Holstrom

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers

