

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 29, 2016
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll , Jason Duset, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Mark Mang, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Katie Onorato, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner, Sr. Marlene Vigna

Excused: Drew Desmarais, Cece Elliott, Mary Ann Emerson and Joyce Raymond

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Bob C.

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

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

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Cathy reminded everyone of Kids Fest which is scheduled for Friday, June 17, in Dailey Hall. It is hoped that Council members will volunteer to help with this event; a sign-up sheet was passed around. The question of volunteers having to previously have had CASE (Creating a Safe Environment) training was brought up. In past years, only the Booth Captains had to have the training but this will be checked out.

One Council member was questioned by a parishioner whether the portrayal of the Passion by the laity was permitted. The answer is yes, the missal clearly includes them (Palm Sunday #21) to be the proclaimers of the Word for this Gospel

Another member was approached by a non-parishioner who was looking for an information envelope in the pews. There is no longer an envelope but there is information available. However, this is usually located elsewhere in the church. If anyone has such an inquiry, they should tell visitors just to ask an usher.

➤ **Year of Mercy Update** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob was pleased with the feedback from the Reflections on the Corporal Works of Mercy during Advent and the Spiritual Works of Mercy during Lent. All the returns were tabulated and graded as to which should be considered for further parish focus during this Year of Mercy. Feed the Hungry was #1 and Comfort the Afflicted was #2. These priorities can be easily linked to initiatives already stated in our Vision Statement. Sr. Marlene reviewed all the returns and listed the individual comments on a sheet passed out to Council. This

information was discussed and suggestions made. Perhaps a Resource List with contact information could be developed giving information about agencies, groups, etc. that are already in place to help with the needs listed. Another suggestion to get parishioners and others involved would be to set up a meeting addressing issues and have information available. Additions to the Time, Talent, and Treasure Forms might be another route; however, it was noted that this form is already lengthy. Many of the concerns/suggestions are already being addressed in our neighborhood and in our parish but the challenge will be to encourage more parishioner involvement in meeting the needs. Fr. Bob mentioned a meeting to be held on Sunday, April 24 at 2 pm for the purpose of getting volunteers to act as a RocACTS Core Group. Bob Insull and Karen Costello recently participated in a training session as had Laura Gleeson and Bob Genthner who originally took on this commitment as our Parish Representation to RocACTS. Volunteers would not be expected to attend all ACTS related meetings.

➤ **Community Outreach Day (April 30)** – Jane/Jason Dusett

Posters and Sign-up Sheets are now at the three sites. The notice in the bulletin will be changed to list the projects and encourage volunteers to sign up. A suggestion was made to have a notice in the bulletin the last week before the event read “ everyone is welcome to come help even if they did not sign up for a project previously.” Boy Scouts from the St. Ambrose Troup and some Girl Scouts with their parents have volunteered. Dave O’Keefe may not be able to help with the picture-taking this year. A suggestion was made to contact Elsie Menz. There has been a favorable response from some of the schools so hopefully we will have some younger helpers to assist at the different sites. Jason reported that he has contacted Barilla (they have been very generous in the past donating pasta and sauce) but they will need a copy of a form from the parish before they can donate. Fr. Bob said Jason should contact the parish office and they will get the form to him. Tops Markets usually donates a \$25 gift certificate. Ruth has a contact person at Tops so she may be able to get a supply of water donated.

➤ **Youth Report** – Mark

The next Mass with Youth is planned for Sunday, April 24 at 5 pm. at St. Ambrose Church. On Saturday, April 30th, some members will be helping at the Parish Community Outreach Day. Also, that same day, there is a 5K Run at St. Lawrence Church to benefit the Bishop Matthew Clark Youth Advocacy Fund. The Senior High Youth Group is selling candy bars as a fund-raiser for the youth general fund. On Thursday, April 7 at the Cathedral is the Confirmation ceremony for three members of our Senior High Youth Group. On Saturday, April 16, the Senior High Group members and their families have been invited to attend the “Break for Life Pro-life Event” at McQuaid Jesuit High School.

➤ **School & Finance Report** – Fr. Bob

A copy of the financial report with figures as of the end of February was passed out. Our CMA receipts already exceed our goal of \$99,796. The appeal ends in May so it is anticipated that our receipts may increase as there is still about \$10,000 left in pledges to be paid. The figures for attendance and collection show an increase over last year. There was a question regarding the capital expenditure of \$80,378; Fr. Bob will check on this.

There has been a slight increase in school enrollment. School registration for next year is taking place. An incentive to registering at this time is being offered. The registration fee will be credited to their tuition amount if a family registers by April 30, 2016.

➤ **Raffle Report** – Bob C.

Starting with the first weekend in April, raffle tickets will be on sale at all Masses at the three sites. Three volunteers are needed at each Mass. A schedule has been sent to all helpers with detailed instructions. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 – cash only. It has been mentioned that ATM's were going to be available but arrangements did not work out so no ATM's. One other change, it had been noted that if a person wanted to take tickets home and fill them out, then return them, they would have to pay for them on pick-up. This has been changed. A person can take tickets and pay for them when they are returned; it will be noted as such on the record sheet. It is important that these notations be made so an accurate record is kept for the parish office. Signs at the three sites will be updated on Wednesdays showing the current amount of the grand prize which will change according to the number of tickets sold.

➤ **200 Club** – Fr. Bob

A mailing was sent out to all members of last year's 200 Club members explaining the new regulations. The fee is still \$40 but instead of being 40 weeks, it is 26 weeks to conform to Gaming Commission rules. An additional prize of \$30 along with the \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be drawn every Monday. A minimum of 200 members is needed. Applications will be accepted, with dues paid in cash only, starting on Easter, March 27, 2016. The first drawing for Weeks 1 – 3 will be held on Monday, April 18 with additional drawings on Mondays through September 2016.

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

The Ministry Fair has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15 at the 4:30 Mass at St. James, 9 am Mass at St. John the Evangelist, and 9:45 am at St. Ambrose. Information will be in the church bulletins starting the weekend of April 9 – 10. All ministries are being contacted. It is anticipated that Parish Council will be represented.

(Goal 5.5) Bob C. confirmed the date for the Town Hall meeting on Sunday October 2, 2016, 1 pm at St. James Church Hall. Maureen McGuire, who had been suggested as moderator for the event, is not taking on any additional commitments at this time.

➤ **Nominating Committee Update** – Katie

Ballot boxes with nomination forms will be available starting the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd. Bob C, Ann H and Joanne D have volunteered to help with making calls to verify the nominee's acceptance to be considered for one of the openings on Pastoral Council.

➤ **Housekeeping** – Bob C.

Bob C. on behalf of Council thanked the priests and staff for the inspiring and beautiful services during this Lenten Season. Their hard work is appreciated by all.

Bob C. asked that everyone review the Covenant for discussion at the next meeting.

All slots have been filled for Welcome Table for April.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Carol F.

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| Next meeting: | Tuesday, May 10, 2016 St. John's Church Hall |
| Hospitality: | Bob C. |
| Opening Prayer: | Katie O. |
| Closing Prayer: | Joanne D. |

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers