

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

**Attendance:** Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll , Jason Dusett, Mary Ann Emerson, Carol Fuchs, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Sr. Marlene Vigna

**Excused:** Cece Elliott , Ann Holstrom, Mark Mang, Ruth Tanner

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

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

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

- **Open Forum**

Eileen Kay, parishioner of Peace of Christ Parish, introduced herself to Council and passed out an outline of her interests and ideas for the future. She is currently a student at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry working on her Masters of Arts in Pastoral Studies. One of the requirements is a Pastoral Formation Class and it is her hope that she could fulfill part of this commitment by service to the parish in some manner. At present she is involved with working with Augie on the Communion Services at the Brighton Manor Nursing Home, and for the past two years, has been involved in the prison ministry at Albion Women's Prison and Wende Men's Prison. She would like to return at another time, after meeting with her professor, and discuss this further. Council assured her that she is most welcome to return and if she deems it necessary to request to be placed on the agenda.

- **Councilor's Concerns**

Cathy passed out sign-up sheets for the booths/or other assignments for Kids Fest which is scheduled for Friday, June 17, in Dailey Hall. She requested that if you have had CASE training that you indicate that on the form. Many volunteers have already signed up but more are always needed.

Fr. Bob happily announced that Juan Benitez will be assigned to our parish for the summer.

The Ministry Fair (one of our Vision Statement goals) which was scheduled for this upcoming weekend at the three parishes has been rescheduled. Fr. Bob suggested that a weekend in June would work out well after the Time, Talent and Treasure information has been distributed. After a brief discussion, the weekend of June 11-12 was selected; after the

Masses at 4:30 pm at St. James; 9 am at St. John's and 9:45 am at St. Ambrose. The committees can be contacted via email; the parish office has this information. Mary Ann and Ann are coordinating this event.

Bob C. received a letter from a parishioner suggesting that some people who contribute a great deal of time to the parish should receive some remuneration. He was quite disturbed by this suggestion. Fr. Bob indicated that this would not be allowed under the NYS Employment laws. Bob will address this issue with the letter-writer.

➤ **Welcome Home Table Discussion**

Some Council members have been concerned that having the Welcome Table scheduled for every month is not serving a real purpose – very little activity. The suggestion was made to have it rotate between the parishes or perhaps change its placement from the back of the church to the front. Because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend, the dates for May will be May 21/22 and that will be the last one until September. At that time, it will be discussed further.

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

Some of the projects were not completed. House of Mercy was not prepared for us; it had been difficult to get a response back after numerous attempts. The basement was in very poor shape and some workers could not work in those conditions. They schedule breakfast at 10 am so many were not ready for the spaghetti/meatball dinner at noon. A suggestion was made that perhaps a contact should be made to the Open Door Mission in the future. The City had their Clean Sweep in progress and it worked out well at the East High project which turned out to be a joint project. Joe mentioned that the clean-up at the bus loop on Blossom Road was a large endeavor. They collected twelve bags of debris and the bags are still there as of today. Jane said she would follow-up on this. Jason felt everything went well – expenses were under budget; the donation of bottles of water that Ruth arranged for were a great help in keeping expenses in line. Fr. Bob mentioned that he drove by many of the sites and he felt it was a great success. It is anticipated that this project will continue. Jason has agreed to stay on and help Ruth who will be coordinating next year. She will be looking for a co-chair to work with and take over the project for the following year.

➤ **Youth Report**

Cece will be leaving as a Youth representative to Council. Melissa Mang is looking for a replacement. The next Mass for Youth is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 5 pm at St. Ambrose. The final youth meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report as of 4/30/16 and reviewed the attendance and collection figures. The Time, Talent and Treasure forms are being updated with a new format. They will be supplied by the Diocese. It is hoped that parishioners will increase their contributions where possible. Expenses are going up. Fr. Bob explained that operating costs should be covered by the plate income. Other resources which are called stable patrimony are not accessible except for a yearly withdrawal of 5%. Capital expenses this year will

include redoing the three parking lots which will necessitate a significant amount of revenue. Fr. will continue to urge automatic payment and tithing. The suggestion was made that perhaps a Wish List could be instituted and parishioners could be encouraged to donate to specific causes. Fr. will take these ideas back to the Finance Committee. They are now preparing the budget and Gary Smith will be present at the June meeting to present it to Council for their approval. Reminder from March meeting, there was a question regarding the capital expenditure of \$80,378; Fr. Bob will check on this.

➤ **Second Annual Dinner and Raffle Update** – Bob C.

The Dinner sales are going slowly; about 60 to date. The deadline for purchasing dinner tickets is Wednesday, May 18. The raffle ticket sales are going fairly well. The deadline for purchasing raffle tickets is Friday, May 20. Volunteers are needed to help set-up for the dinner and are asked to meet at Dailey Hall at 5 pm on Friday, May 20.

➤ **200 Club Update** – Fr. Bob/Goldie

To date, there are 185 members. Despite the changes in needing cash only for the membership and a six month start-to-finish timeline, people have responded favorably.

➤ **Review and Revision Approval of Parish Covenant** – All

Council members had been asked to review the corrected covenant. By a show of hands, it was approved as corrected by a unanimous vote. Bob asked that a copy be sent to the Parish Council nominees and a copy given to Colleen at the parish office for the website.

➤ **RocActs Core Team Meeting** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob reviewed the summary of the April 24, 2016 meeting held for parishioners interested in serving as a core team for RocActs. Plans are in the works to meet again to help in this endeavor.

➤ **Conflict of Interest Form**

Information about this issue and the form had been sent to everyone prior to the meeting. Everyone was asked to sign the form and they were collected. It appeared that there is no conflict in this regard.

➤ **Nomination Committee Update** – Katie

There have been 18 nominations; four have been cleared to be candidates for Council. There has been positive feedback from those who have declined. Every attempt is being made to contact the rest of the nominees before Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The names will be drawn this weekend, May 14-15.

➤ **Housekeeping** – Bob C.

Reminder: Saturday, May 14 – Recycling Event and Youth Car Wash at St. Ambrose site, 9 am – 1 pm. Helpers are needed and should arrive at 8 am.

The Sign-up sheet was distributed for Welcome Table for May 21/22.

Katie offered to send cards appropriate to the occasion from Parish Council to members of Council if information is forwarded to her.

Upcoming business for the June meeting:

Welcome to incoming Council members

Approval of Vision Statement

Budget approval

Selection of chairperson and vice-chairperson for 2016-17

Goodbye and thank you to Cathy Buyer-Davis, Mary Ann Emerson and Jane McGrath-Briggs

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Joanne D.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 St. John's Church Hall

Hospitality:

Opening Prayer: Jean

Closing Prayer: Jane

Reminder: Meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at St. John's, 11 am Prayer in Chapel; 12N Lunch; and 1 pm Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers