

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
St. John the Evangelist Church

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

**Excused:** Drew Desmarais, Cece Elliott

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September minutes and the October agenda as written.

- **Open Forum** – Melissa Mang

Melissa extended an invitation to council members to attend the Family Gathering on Wednesday, October 21, 5:30 – 7 pm at St. James Hall. The staff has been very pleased with the turnout for these get-togethers. Melissa will be sending copies of Pope Francis' Letter to the Bishops' Synod on the Family to all council members. She asked that members review the material and be prepared to meet informally in small groups with the families. Mr. Jonathan Schott from the Diocesan Office will be guest speaker.

- **Councilor's Concerns**

There was a concern raised regarding the article in the October 11, 2015 Church bulletin about the viewing of the film, *Philadelphia*, scheduled for Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Hall. It was felt the content of the movie was quite controversial and not appropriate for our church setting. Fr. Bob will follow up on this issue. A parishioner asked if anything special was going to be scheduled for Divine Mercy Sunday, which falls on the first Sunday after Easter. She requested that a specific picture be displayed. Fr. Bob commented that they are limited to have everything liturgically appropriate and some devotional items may not fall into these limitations. Pope Francis has

designated this year as “The Year of Mercy”, starting on the Feast of Christ the King, December 8<sup>th</sup> and the staff is working on a structured approach for the year. Ann passed around a doorknob hanger that two volunteers from The Historic Parsells Church (a new name for the church located at 345 Parsells Avenue) had given her. It was very informative about the Church and upcoming activities. It might be something our parish might consider to reach out to the neighborhood. There was input from council members about experiences at other churches recently attended.

➤ **2015-16 Vision Statement Review/Discussion – Bob C.**

Bob C. reviewed the Goals in the Vision Statement and asked for volunteers from Council to be responsible for reporting on progress for/or taking responsibility for individual Goals. All goals were reviewed, updated or eliminated. Bob will send an updated copy to everyone.

➤ **Youth - Mark**

The Jr. High Youth Group is partnering with children in the First Penance/First Holy Eucharist programs to assist them this year as they prepare to receive both sacraments. The first Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2015, 5 pm at St. Ambrose Church.

The Sr. Group had a pancake fundraiser on Sunday, October 11 at Dailey Hall to help with expenses for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN scheduled for November 18-22, 2015. A mandatory meeting for those going will be held on Sunday, October 25 at St. Jude’s Church from 2 – 5 pm and Bishop Matano will celebrate the Mass.

Soccer season ends on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Faith Through Sports Awards will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on November 3 at 7 pm.

➤ **Financial Report – Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob passed out the report dated 9/30/15. Peace of Christ is over halfway to our CMA goal and Fr. commented we are ahead of last year’s figure. The net income showed a deficit because of the one-time expense for payment of the insurance premium. There was a small balance in the Capital Funds account which helped to offset this expense. Fr. Bob will be meeting with the Finance Committee in the near future to discuss a long-range plan for anticipated expenses for upkeep on the different sites.

➤ **Updates – Fr. Bob**

Community Outreach Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Change in Pastoral Council Meeting Dates: The January date has been changed to Wednesday, January 6. Bob C. will send out an updated schedule.

The Knights of Columbus are putting on a Chicken Barbecue to benefit St. John Neumann School on Friday, October 16 at Dailey Hall from 3 – 7:30 pm.

Men's Retreat is this coming weekend, Friday, October 16 – Sunday, October 18. Habitat for Humanity has finished another house and Fr. Bob will be blessing this home at the dedication service this coming Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bob C. is planning a Brainstorming Meeting to determine if the Raffle Event can be continued this coming year. More information to follow.

- **Housekeeping** – Welcome Table assignments are completed for October 24/25.
- **Closing Prayer** - Jane

Hospitality: Ann  
Opening Prayer: Carol  
Closing Prayer: Jane

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers