

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro, Carolyn Conrow, Drew Desmarais, Alan Dickinson, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Carol Fuchs, Patrick Larkin, Rob Layer, Elizabeth Mang, Melissa Mang, Jean McClure, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Absent/Excused: Joe Dilal, Sue Morrison, and Sean Manfreda

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

- **Opening Prayer** – Bruce Cavallaro
- **Approval of June Minutes and September Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September Minutes after a correction as follows: Under Councilor's Concerns, the first sentence should read **Joan Frasier brought a welcoming brochure.....** The October agenda was accepted as written.

- **Open Forum** – no one present

- **Councilor's Concerns**

Discussion on what should be included in the Welcoming Brochure has been tabled and will be an item on the agenda for the November meeting.

Alan Dickinson announced that a new kiosk with reading material has been set up at the parking lot entrance at St. John the Evangelist site. There is already one located at St. Ambrose. Plans for one at St. James are in the works for next year.

The Chicken Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus held on October 5 to benefit the St. John Neumann School was very successful. With this activity, the Knights will most likely reach their goal of \$1000 to benefit the school. When their goal is reached, there is a matching grant. A Pasta Dinner, a new venture, is planned for Sunday, November 5, to be held at St. Ambrose.

Rick Eisenman mentioned that a parishioner spoke to him about having signed up for an activity on the Time, Talent, Treasure form and never was contacted. The Office Staff is presently working on these forms. Fr. Schrader mentioned that new software had been installed but has not been working properly which has caused some delay.

- **RocACTS Task Force Members Reports**– Bruce Cavallaro , Carolyn Conrow Joanne Driscoll and Fr. Schrader

The three representatives reported on the sessions they had attended. They all spoke about the Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017, 6:30 pm at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 304 Joseph Avenue, Rochester, NY 14605 on the three issues: Police Accountability, Wage Equity for Healthcare Workers and Childcare Assistance/Child Protective Services. Flyers were passed around. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout at this meeting.

Fr. Schrader had emailed a letter with three attachments before tonight's meeting asking that council members take time to read it so they would be prepared to take action at this meeting. One attachment is regarding The Case for an Independent Police Accountability System: Transforming the Civilian Review Process in Rochester, New York. (This format is presently being used in Oakland, California.) As a charter member of RocACTS, our group was asked to sign a letter directed to President Loretta Scott, Rochester City Council. After considerable discussion about wording, the letter was accepted with modifications by Council. Fr. Schrader will amend the letter and sign it as the representative of the parish. This information will be posted in the church bulletin.

- **Youth Report** – Patrick Larkin and Elizabeth Mang

Activities include collecting stuffed animals and books for Bivona Child Advocacy Center for Peace & Justice Committee to celebrate Children's Sabbath; assisting at Family Gathering at St. James Church Hall; activity at St. John Fisher College; assisting second graders with First Penance projects; bowling party on November 19th at 1 PM; assembling food baskets for the poor; sorting and packing medical supplies to victims of hurricanes; Christmas Party in December. CYO Soccer ends in October. The Faith Through Sports Soccer Awards Banquet is scheduled on October 26. Basketball Season begins in late November and runs through the first week of March.

- **Christ Life** – Melissa Mang

Rick Eisenman had emailed information from Melissa Mang regarding an upcoming parish-wide initiative called ChristLife – a seven-week evangelization program starting in January to be held at St. John, except for the 2/28 session to be held at St. James.

Melissa gave an overview of the program and passed out an informational brochure. She is looking for host groups to run the evening sessions. There will be training sessions set up beforehand. Council was in agreement and has offered to take a session; either January 24 or February 21. Melissa will confirm the date by the next council meeting.

➤ **Financial Report/CMA Update** – Fr. Bob Schrader

Fr. Schrader reviewed the financial report as of 9/30/17. To date, 46% of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$105,637 has been reached. Fr. has been encouraging everyone to submit their pledge forms so our goal will be reached by November 1. Bishop Matano will be celebrating Mass at St. Ambrose on that date.

➤ **2017-18 Vision Statement** – Rick Eisenman

Rick asked members to review the vision statement, especially dates and information where individuals are involved in an activity. It is anticipated that the Vision Statement will be discussed at the next meeting.

➤ **Updates – School/Arts Festival/RocACTS** – Fr. Bob Schrader/Rick Eisenman

Enrollment is slightly up for St. John Neumann School. Regarding the rebranding of the school, the results from the survey forms indicate that the name, St. Ambrose Academy, was the first choice. The recommendation will be reviewed by School Council and if the Council concurs, Fr. Schrader will present the recommendation to the Bishop for consideration. Pending approval, an announcement would be made in January 2018 for the school year beginning September 2018. The color/logo would remain the same. Materials for registration would need to be changed. Council was in favor of this change of name.

➤ **North Winton Arts Festival/Ministry Fair** - Joanne Driscoll/Rick Eisenman for
Bob Crego

Saturday, September 16, the North Winton Arts Festival in Linear Garden on East Main Street from 8:30 am – 5 pm. was held. Joanne Driscoll, with help

from Joe Dilal, Rick Eisenman, Carol Fuchs and Sue Morrison, covered the Parish Table from 8:30 am until 5 pm. It was a long day but very good exposure for the parish. The suggestion was made that perhaps next year something with our parish logo could be made available to pass out.

Twenty-five ministries participated in the Ministry Fair held on Saturday, October 7. There were 55 sign-ups for the different ministries; some of whom are already involved. Bob Crego made the suggestion that Pastoral Council take on this project as a service project to be held every year or every other year possibly after one of the Masses at each site. The topic was tabled until next month.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Sr. Marlene Vigna

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Opening Prayer:	Al Dickinson
Closing Prayer:	Joanne Driscoll
Refreshments:	Jean McClure

Next meeting: at St. John Church Hall – Tuesday, November 14, 2017 - 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers