

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

**Attendance:** Julie Antinore, Fr. Tim Brown, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Florence Cardella, Vernon Connors, Bob Crego, Rick Eisenman, Cecelia Elliott, Mary Ann Emerson, Ann Holstrom, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Augie Misiurewicz, Carol Reed, Maria Rosica, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner, Sr. Marlene Vigna

Excused: Katie Bess and Drew Desmarais

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Florence

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the December minutes and January agenda with minor corrections for prayer leaders.

➤ **Open Forum** – No one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Carol mentioned that Sarah Ayers is looking for donations for raffle baskets for the "Fruit of the Vine" event scheduled for Saturday evening, February 28, 2015. One suggestion was gift cards; no alcohol allowed.

➤ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service (January 18-25)** - Fr. Bob

The theme for this week is "Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'" Fr. Bob reminded everyone of the 2015 Church Unity Octave Celebration to be held at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1000 Winton Road North on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7 pm. Peace of Christ Parish, Covenant United Methodist, Laurelton Presbyterian, Parsells Avenue Community, St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Churches along with the host church will be participating. All are invited and asked to bring non-perishable food items to benefit the needy.

➤ **State of the School – Fr. Bob**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 25 – 31, 2015. The new principal at St. John Neumann School, Mrs. Jackie Senecal, will be speaking at the Masses at all three sites the weekend of January 24/25 to extend an invitation to join School Committees as well as an invitation to visit the school for the many activities scheduled this week. Open House will be held on Tuesday, January 27.

A promotion to encourage parents to register for 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year would allow the registration fee to count toward tuition. A meeting was held recently but the weather was poor. Those parents who were able to attend did seem favorable. The minimum number for a class would be 15. A decision will be made in the very near future. Fr. Bob feels the tuition is reasonable comparative to other schools.

➤ **Youth – Cece/Florence**

Jr. High - January 10, Peace of Christ Parish along with two other parishes attended a "Called to Protect" Program sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester at St. Mary's Church. A retreat, "Be Not Afraid", is scheduled for March 21 at Holy Trinity Church.

Sr. High – Two retreats are planned at Camp Stella Maris, the first in January, "Plug into the Power" and the second in February, "Foundations for Catholic Leadership".

Both groups are planning a visit to St. Michael's Workshop on January 14 and their First Youth Mass is scheduled at 5 pm on Sunday, January 18 at St. Ambrose Church followed by reflection and a presentation on NCYC 2015. The Youth Groups will be volunteering to help with Community Outreach Day on Saturday, April 25.

CYO is underway with 3 teams; schedules can be found by going on line.

➤ **Vision Statement**

Bob C. made a suggestion that a member of the sub-committee listed under the individual Goals give a report on the status of the progress so as to keep Council members apprised. This could be an on-going item on the agenda. At the June meeting when the year is reviewed, new members would need to be informed of this process.

➤ **Financial Report – Fr. Bob**

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report as of December 31, 2014 and reviewed the figures. The Catholic Ministry Appeal receipts now are greater than the quota which is a positive for the parish as one-half of the overage is returned to the parish.

➤ **Update – Pictorial Directory/Festival/Rochester ACTS**

Vern reported that the directory is in the final stages with some last minute tracking of pictures. It is expected that the package will be going to Lifetouch soon with the proof back, possibly late February. With everything done electronically, it opens many options for future use.

Bob C. and the Festival committee met with the Gaming Commission in January to clarify rules and regulations. On May 2, a recycling event along with a Youth car wash is scheduled followed by a dinner where the drawing will be held for the raffle winner (car or money). In June, a Kid's Day is being planned. A Casino Night is being considered. There are many changes and/or enforcement of old regulations for this type of event. It is still to be determined if raffle tickets can be mailed .

ACTS – A training meeting will be held February 22-28, 2015 at Villa Maria Pennsylvania at a cost of \$650 – split three ways – ACTS, Parish, Individual. Bob Genthner and Laura Gleeson took the training previously. At some point, we hope to have someone else trained. If anyone is interested, please contact Fr. Bob. Each church/parish is expected to help with fund-raising for ACTS expenses. It was suggested that perhaps this could be accomplished by tithing.

➤ **Community Outreach Update – Jane**

The date is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015. Save the date information will be published in the parish bulletin. The deadline for submitting projects is February 28. Jason Dusett will be helping Jane this year. Dave O'Keefe will be photographing the day's events. Contacts will be made to past coordinators and donors. Groups to be contacted to help are Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Groups, Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary. Meat Balls and Sauce will be needed for the Spaghetti Dinner at House of Mercy. A meeting with site coordinators will be scheduled. Posters will be updated for display and sign-up. In addition, there is a need for someone to shadow Jane so as to be able to take over when her term is over. This is a parish council activity so hopefully a 1<sup>st</sup> year council member will volunteer.

➤ **Housekeeping**

Welcome Table slots for January 24/25 at the three sites are filled.

➤ **Summary**

Open Forum – no one present

Councilor Concerns – Sarah Ayers is looking for donations for raffle baskets for the “Fruit of the Vine” event on February 28, 2015 – gift cards suggested, no alcohol.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – A Joint celebration with neighboring churches is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1000 Winton Road.

State of the School – Catholic Schools Week celebrated January 25 – 31. The new principal, Mrs. Jackie Senecal, will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend. A decision will be made regarding 6<sup>th</sup> grade at St. John Neumann for 2015-16 in the near future – a minimum of 15 is required.

Youth Report – Jr. and Sr. High have retreats planned at Camp Stella Maris. The first Youth Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 18 at 5 pm at St. Ambrose Church. Both Youth groups will be volunteering to help with Community Outreach Day on Saturday, April 25.

Vision Statement – A suggestion was made that a report be made to Council by a member of a sub-committee responsible for the Goals at the monthly council meeting. This could be an on-going agenda item.

Financial Update – Report distributed. CMA receipts have exceeded the quota.

Update – Pictorial Directory/Festival/Rochester ACTS

Directory in final stages; tracking some pictures; then on to Lifetouch for final proof.

Festival Committee finalizing activities on May 2 (recycling event, car wash, dinner with raffle drawing); Kid’s Day in June; possibility of a Casino Evening being considered.

Looking for someone interested in being trained for ACTS; training scheduled for February. Each church/parish is expected to help with fund-raising for ACTS expenses and the suggestion was made that this might be accomplished through tithing.

Community Outreach Update – The date is Saturday, April 25, 2015. Groups are being contacted for help. Deadline for submitting projects is February 28. There will be a need for someone to shadow Jane with the intent to take over when her term is completed – hopefully a 1<sup>st</sup> year council member.

Housekeeping

Welcome Table slots are filled for the January 24/25 weekend.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Maria

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Opening Prayer: Augie Misiurewicz

Closing Prayer: Ann Holstrom

Hospitality: Jane McGrath-Briggs

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers