

Peace of Christ Parish

Pastoral Council Minutes

St. John the Evangelist Church Hall/Virtual via Cisco Webex

September 8, 2020

Present: Mary Ann Borrelli, Fr. Tim Brown, Karen Costello, Deacon Robert Corsaro, Lola DeAscentiis, Carol Fuchs, Ken Klamm, Jane Koch, Gail Layer, Rob Layer, Anne Ross, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, Raymond Worth, Catherine Witner

Excused: Judy Dickinson, Kerry Flannery, Robert Meisenzahl and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm

Opening Prayer: Carol Fuchs

Approval of June 2020 Minutes and September Agenda 2020

The June Minutes were approved with a minor correction and the September Agenda was accepted as written.

Open Forum – no one present

Councilor Concerns:

Ken spoke about the procedure to be followed when contacting newly-registered parishioners and reviewed the materials he had previously sent to council members. He thanked Karen Costello for putting together the Parish Ministry Directory Part 1 and Part 2 – a valuable resource.

Ken proposed a “Councilor’s Corner”, a monthly article in the Church Bulletin to keep parishioners better informed of the role of pastoral council. This suggestion was favorably received and generated a great deal of discussion. Ken and Karen will follow up with the office staff to determine the timing for the bulletin. Further discussion will be needed to establish the content of the articles.

Review of Vision Statement:

At the August 29, 2020 Pastoral Council Reflection Day, Ken, Mary Ann, and Karen reviewed and reorganized the format to better reflect our Parish Vision for 2020-21. All councilors had a copy of the new format and Ken led the discussion. It was well-received and numerous actions steps will be taken to bring it up-to-date. The question of possibly including an annual survey along with the Time, Talent and Treasure form was proposed. A sub-committee consisting of Mary Ann Borrelli and Carol Fuchs was formed to follow up with our parish groups with regard to updating their annual report to Pastoral Council.

Review concluded with Our Parish Family, 8) Sacraments – to be continued at next meeting.

Youth Report – Lola and Raymond

New this year, the youth representatives will lead five in-person group meetings. The three goals they would like to achieve are to get to know the youth they represent better; to increase communication; and to demonstrate building a relationship with God, based on their own experiences. The card ministry will continue. Fourteen of our group were confirmed by Bishop Matano (with Fr. Tim as Concelebrant) on Wednesday, August 19 at St. Lawrence Church. Eleven Youth members have entered Confirmation Year One and nine will be entering Confirmation Year 2.

No Soccer or Basketball games scheduled due to the pandemic.

Financial Report – Fr. Bob

The financial report as of 8/31/20 was distributed and posted on the screen for virtual attendees. Fr. Bob reviewed the figures for last year's Catholic Ministries Appeal and noted that the parish had receipts of \$11,568 over our quota – half of which is returned to the parish. He reviewed the attendance figures showing no attendance for May and June reflecting the time when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Limited attendance since the opening in July which is expected to continue for the time being. Our collections have been lower but Fr. Bob is pleased with the numbers.

St. Ambrose Academy will be starting in-school classes on Wednesday, September 9 with a total of 110 students – an increase of 4 over last year. Everyone's hard work in recruitment made this opening a success.

The question was raised as to the status of the two building at the St. John the Evangelist site. Fr. Bob reported that a Day Care Group is interested in the Sullivan Center and a Realtor is marketing the school building.

Closing Prayer: Catherine Witner

Meeting ended at 9:03 pm

Next Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Opening Prayer: Catherine Witner

Closing Prayer: Jane Koch

Refreshments: Mary Ellen Steele

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers, Recording Secretary

Action Steps: Not part of the Minutes

Councilor Corner (monthly article in Church Bulletin)

[Ken Klamm and Karen Costello](#)

Looking up List of Agencies serving community

[Mary Ann Borrelli](#)

Annual Parish Survey possibly sent to parishioners with Time, Talent and Treasure Form

[Ken Klamm / Karen Costello](#)

Suggestion made that councilor have copy of Time, Talent and Treasure form when making calls to new parishioners

[Ken Klamm / Karen Costello](#)

Follow up with our parish groups with regard to updating their annual report to Pastoral Council

[Mary Ann Borrelli and Carol Fuchs](#)

While checking with parish committees for annual update, the subcommittee might have the opportunity to inquire if they had any input from Time, Talent and Treasure forms

[Mary Ann Borrelli and Carol Fuchs](#)

Sacraments, 8a referred to Rob Layer and Deacon Bob for updating

[Ken Klamm](#)

Sacraments) 8b-d referred to Melissa Mang for updating council

[Ken Klamm](#)