

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church
January 14, 2020

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Carolyn Conrow, Deacon Robert Corsaro, Karen Costello, Bob Crego, Lola DeAscentiis, Alan Dickinson, Judy Dickinson, Dan Dwyer, Ken Klamm, Jane Koch, Rob Layer, Robert Meisenzahl, Dave O’Keefe, Eric Oswald, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, Raymond Warth, Catherine Witner

Excused: Gail Layer, Sue Morrison and Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Carolyn C.

➤ **Approval of December Minutes and January Agenda/Housekeeping Items**

The December Minutes were accepted with one correction – Under RocACTS, the last sentence should read: It raised \$14,500, the budgeted figure. The January agenda was accepted as written.

The attendance form for tonight’s meeting and sign-up sheet for January Welcome Weekend (January 25/26) were passed around.

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor’s Concerns**

Ken has suggested a new procedure for this agenda item. Every member will be given an opportunity to express any concerns they have personally or that has come to their attention. This resulted in a variety of input. The suggestion was made to have the announcements at the beginning of the Mass; a concern regarding distribution of wine during the influenza season; gratitude for all the extra work done during the Christmas time (decorations, liturgies to name a few); pleased to see so many of our youth at the liturgies; an awareness of how welcoming the parish is during the Christmas season and hoping it will continue; excitement about the survey results to date; thankful for volunteers; our on-line and school Facebook presentations are awesome; and concern on how to promote the list of parish activities

Alan needs help with the Parish Raffle. It is always desirable if someone on Council is willing to shadow the previous chairperson for a year and then take over. Council members are encouraged to share the name of anyone they think might be interested in helping with this event.

Ken mentioned that the Vision Statement Update will be an agenda item for February.

Knights of Columbus – Alan

The holiday Peace of Christ Blood Drive was a great success. The Red Cross goal was to collect 19 units; 27 were collected. This is a new high and included three new donors. The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest was completed; two winners advanced to the District level.

➤ **Parish Survey**

Ken reviewed the preliminary results of the on-line survey which generated a great deal of discussion. The following questions were raised: How many e-mail addresses do we have? Our information is compiled when parishioners register; not usually updated. Is the parish able to compile a list? How do we want to communicate in the future? It was decided we need further conversation on this – do we need a committee? Is it a parish decision? A copy of the survey was included in the church bulletin with a January 31st return date. Hopefully the returns will reflect a greater representation of the three sites.

➤ **Youth Report** – Lola and Raymond

December Events: Over 25 pairs of hats and mittens were collected and given to the children at St. Ambrose Academy; Kathy Ortiz organized a successful bell-ringing service opportunity at Eastview Mall; another successful flyer-stuffing and card writing event.

Patrick Larkin, senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School, was nominated for the Hands of Christ Award for all of his participation in ministries throughout his life at Peace of Christ Parish. The award ceremony is February 4, 2020, 7 pm, at St. John of Rochester, Fairport.

Next fundraiser, “Invest in Youth” is planned for February.

CYO Basketball Season is underway, January 4 – February 23. March Madness is coming to Dailey Hall, February 27- March 7, with special guests: The Rochester Razor Sharks with all proceeds to benefit St. Ambrose Academy.

➤ **Financials/School/CMA Report**

The Christmas offering was up about \$10,000 over last year.

School enrollment is up. A quarter of this year's families have re-registered for next year. The diocese is offering discounts to encourage early enrollment. Catholic Schools Week starts on Sunday, January 26 – February 1. Open House will be held on Tuesday, the 28th, at 6 pm. All are invited. Fr. Bob has sent information about our school to all the neighboring parishes with an invitation to visit during Catholic Schools Week.

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report as of December 31, 2019. We have received pledges totaling 107% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal, totaling \$110,395. If all pledges are paid by May 31, 2020, the parish will receive one-half of the overage back for parish use.

➤ **RocACTS (Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society) Task Force Reports** – Karen, Carolyn, Alan, Rob

Karen

A day of training provided by the FIA Compliance Officer, Monica Summerville, was held in January. No meeting scheduled as yet but the Task Force appears to be moving in a positive direction. A music-based fund-raiser is being considered.

Poverty and Jobs (Housing and Higher Wages) – Carolyn

This group is reorganizing and a meeting is planned for next week.

Criminal Justice Task Force/Criminal Justice Ministries – Alan

A faith in action seminar was held on January 11 to review guidelines and answer questions about the relationships between the clergy caucus, leadership assembly, core teams and the board to help to identify how RocACTS fits in. The committee has received many letters from all over the country asking for resources to help with their cases. They are looking for information about groups in their community and volunteers to answer these letters. Projects for 2020 include: Project Exile, Less is More, Getting more attorneys on board, fundraising activities, bail reform and Black History Month.

Religious Leaders Caucus – Rob

This group is meeting this coming week.

➤ **Welcome Table Discussion – Ken**

Ken met with Colleen to review the actual registration process. Once a census card is completely filled out, received at the office and entered in the database the individual/family is considered to be registered in the parish. If they have asked to talk to someone or sent in an inquiry by mail, Colleen forwards the information to a parish council member for further follow-up.

The question still arises as to what is included in the welcome packet. Further discussion is needed on this topic. Perhaps – a subcommittee should handle this issue.

Suggestions were made to allow registration with a census card online and initiate a new member “buddy” system.

➤ **Nominating Committee – Fr. Bob and Carolyn**

Carolyn reviewed the summary she compiled from last year. We need helpers; ballots are available along with the boxes at the three sites for five weeks; Names are collected; checked at the parish office; calls made; names drawn. Mary Ellen, Jane, Karen, Cathy and Carolyn have all volunteered to help. The informational posters will be available.

➤ **Closing Prayer – Jane K.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next Pastoral Council meeting – February 4, 2020, 7 pm, St. John’s Church Hall

Opening Prayer:	Karen Costello
Closing Prayer:	Judy Dickinson
Refreshments:	Cathy Witner

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers