

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall  
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

**Attendance:** Carolyn Conrow, Karen Costello, Lola DeAscentiis, Alan Dickinson, Judy Dickinson, Ken Klamm, Jane Koch, Rob Layer, Robert Meisenzahl, Sue Morrison, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, Raymond Warth, Catherine Witner

**Excused:** Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Gail Layer, Eric Oswald, Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer/ Welcome – Rob L.**

Welcome to Robert Meisenzahl who is filling the opening on Pastoral Council left by the departure of Matthew Grosodonia.

➤ **Approval of October Minutes and November Agenda/Housekeeping Items**

The October Minutes and November Agenda were accepted as written.

The attendance form/sign-up sheet for Welcome Weekend (November 22-23, 2019) and December 10th sign-up sheet were passed out.

➤ **Open Forum – no one present**

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

A request was expressed by a parishioner that the listing of Mass Intentions in the parish bulletin include Sunday to Sunday. Fr. Bob will check on this.

➤ **Vision Statement Review**

Goals 5 & 6 – there was considerable discussion regarding these goals. Ken will contact Melissa Mang to clarify the section concerning First Communion (4.2). He will update and send copies to pastoral members for further review. Copies will be available for those who do not have access to a printer.

➤ **Youth Report** – Lola and Raymond

Junior and Senior High Group Activities

On October 24, Lola DeAscentiis and Raymond Warth and several family members stuffed the monthly youth report into the parish bulletins and completed 21 cards for our homebound parishioners. Plans are underway to recruit more assistance. Next scheduled sessions will be on November 21 and December 19, 4 – 5 pm in the Parish Office Conference Room.

Several members in the Confirmation Year 1/2 programs volunteered their time raking lawns for ARC. Another leaf-raking session is planned for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, ND Vision youth and families participated in the Ladies Auxiliary Chili Cook-off. They did not win but they had a lot of fun.

Deadline for nominations for the Hands of Christ Award is Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. All high school seniors are eligible.

CYO Basketball Season officially begins in December. Practice sessions began in October.

Upcoming Events: A presentation on the Catholic Social Teaching: *Right to Life and Dignity of the Human Person* by Suzanne Stack will take place on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – Noon at St. Ambrose Academy. Youth will participate in USCCB's "Two Feet of Love," as a follow-up to this presentation. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm, Youth will be assisting Social Ministry with toiletry kits/dinner kits to pass out to homeless for Thanksgiving. Marty Moynihan will teach about the Catholic Social Teaching: *Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.* December 1 – 15<sup>th</sup>, Mittens, Gloves, Hats and Scarves Collection for St. Ambrose Academy students and families. December 7/8, Delta Sonic Fund-raiser after all Masses. December 8, joining St. Stanislaus Parish youth for a faith/cultural celebration. December 15, Second annual *Las Posadas* will be performed with the youth from St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish at Dailey Hall. Time TBD. December 21, a bell-ringing service opportunity for our Confirmation group at Eastview Mall. December 24, participation in the Annual Nativity Pageant as choir members, 3:30 pm, at St. Ambrose. January 24, March for Life in Washington, DC – details to follow.

➤ **Financial Report/School Update** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report as of October 31, 2019. To date, our pledges have reached 51% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$110,395.

Actual pledges paid to date are \$35,100. Hopefully everyone will pledge so we meet our goal by Thanksgiving.

Enrollment at St. Ambrose Academy is up slightly over last year.

Knights of Columbus – Alan

The Bishop Kearney and St. John Fisher Assembly presented a check for \$10,000 to the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital to make their gym equipment more appealing.

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

Poverty and Jobs – Carolyn (no report – meeting rescheduled)

Education – Karen has accepted another role in the organization and will no longer be able to attend the meetings. Mary Ellen Steele is considering taking over this responsibility.

Criminal Justice and Police Accountability – Alan

Alan shared a human interest story that had been told at the meeting.

Religious Leaders Caucus – Rob

The Religious Leaders Caucus had a news conference on October 31 in support of the Police Accountability Board. All local news stations were in attendance. The Group is meeting for the monthly meeting today at Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School followed by a reception at 6 pm with the President, Rev. Dr. Angela D. Sims. We will be talking with her about her vision for Rochester and about some of the work we are doing as the RocACTS Religious Leaders Caucus.

The annual dinner will be held on December 8. Marvin Mich, co-founder of RocActs is being honored posthumously. The featured speaker is Rev. J. D. Johnson. Teen Empowerment Community Lifetime Achievement and the Hearts on Fire Awards will be presented.

➤ **Welcome Table Update**

The Welcome Process procedure was reviewed and discussed. It was suggested that a welcoming letter signed by the pastor with the assigned parishioner number be sent to new parishioners. In addition, new parishioners should be informed that it usually takes two to three months before they will receive the

regular parish offering envelopes. A supply of envelopes could be supplied from the office with the parishioner number written in. Ken will update and forward to council members and/or have copies available for anyone who needs a copy.

➤ **Survey**

The proposed survey was reviewed and several changes were suggested. Ken will amend the form and have it available for council members at the next meeting.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Jane

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next Pastoral Council meeting – Tuesday, December 10, 2019 , 7 pm, St. John's Church Hall

Opening Prayer: Ken Klamm  
Closing Prayer: Sue Morrison  
Refreshments: Cathy Witner

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers