

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
Virtual via Cisco Webex
January 12, 2021

Present: Mary Ann Borrelli, Fr. Tim Brown, Karen Costello, Lola DeAscentiis, Alan Dickinson, Judy Dickinson, Kerry Flannery, Carol Fuchs, Ken Klamm, Jane Koch, Gail Layer, Rob Layer, Anne Ross, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, Raymond Warth and Catherine Witner

Excused: Deacon Robert Corsaro and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:07 pm.

Opening Prayer: Lola

Approval of December Minutes and January Agenda:

Minutes were approved with additions and a correction and Agenda was approved as written.

Housekeeping Item:

March meeting – Opening Prayer: Cathy and Closing Prayer: Mary Ann

The question was raised as to whether the March meeting will be held in-house or virtual. Fr. Bob said a decision will be made when it is closer to the actual date.

Councilor Concerns:

Alan made a follow-up contact with a recently registered family and the response was that everything was going well.

The Knights of Columbus Learning Computer Package Raffle winner was the Callahan grandchildren who have generously donated it to St. Ambrose Academy. Almost \$10,000 was raised for the school.

Rob is looking for 5-6 individuals to help with this year's Prayer for Christian Unity Service on Wednesday, January 20, 7 pm at St. James Church.

Follow-Up Items:

On-line Bulletin Board

Several Council members have voiced their concern about the need for an avenue of communication for our parishioners, such as an on-line bulletin board. Fr. Bob mentioned that there already is a website, Nextdoor, in existence in our area. Also, the Catholic Family Center is available to meet individual needs. It was recalled that sometime ago, we had a section in the parish bulletin where needs could be published. It could be revived but would need a designated contact to address calls so as not to put more work on the present office staff. Fr. Bob will take this idea of a website or bulletin item to the staff for their input at the next staff meeting.

Youth Report: Raymond and Lola

Youth activities have been very limited due to the pandemic. The card ministry is an on-going successful Ministry.

Finance: Fr. Bob

The financial report for December 31 was posted on the screen. Our Catholic Ministries Appeal of \$110,395 has been reached – actually, we are \$3085 over our goal. To date, there is \$27,871 in pledges still unpaid.

St. Ambrose Academy has a registration of 121 at the present time. Catholic Schools Week will be held the first week of February. Already, we have 52 students registered for the 2021-22 school year. There will be more promotions in the near future so it looks promising for next year.

Weekday Masses are held at the three sites with weekend Masses held virtually. The online figures for last weekend showed 176 households attended the Saturday Mass and 116 households attended the Sunday Mass. Rob mentioned that our parish is one of the few having regular Masses in-house in the area. Collections are down but most parishioners have been very faithful with their contributions.

RocACTS – Mary Ann, Alan, Karen and Rob

Poverty and Jobs Task Force – This group had a meeting and Mary Ann was able to sit in on the meeting.

Criminal Justice Task Force – Alan

The Task Force met on Monday, January 11 for the first time in many months. Several of the leaders completed training sessions with Faith in Action. The principles learned will form the template for vision in 2021. The first change this year is to broaden our vision by changing the name of the group. It will be changed to the Justice System Task Force to focus more on justice than criminal issues. The need for a mission statement was discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Karen - At present, the group is looking to set up speakers for the next meeting. The goal is to work together to accomplish what needs to be done. Welcome to Taylor, new Director/Organizer for RocACTS.

Religious Leaders Caucus – Rob

The group did meet but Rob was unable to attend due to another commitment.

Pastoral Council Nominating Committee Selection – Karen

There will be four openings on Council for the next term. Volunteers are needed to make calls to nominees for those openings. Alan, Anne, Cathy, Jane and Mary Ellen all volunteered to help. The final drawing is held the weekend of Pentecost. In the meantime, Karen will review the overview of the procedure prepared by Sue Morrison last year.

Review of 2021 Survey Questions – Ken and all

Ken had asked that council members review these questions before the meeting and be prepared for discussion at the meeting. Several changes were proposed and Ken will amend the questionnaire and review the form at the next meeting in March.

Closing Prayer: Anne

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: March meeting, Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7 pm

Opening Prayer: Cathy

Closing Prayer: Mary Ann

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers, Recording Secretary

Action Steps:

On-line Bulletin Board – **Fr Bob**

Timeline for Nominations for Openings on Pastoral Council - **Karen**

Finalizing Survey Questions – **Ken**