

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro, Carolyn Conrow, Bob Crego, Alan Dickinson, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Nick Frega (Diocesan Liaison to Pastoral Council), Matthew Grosodonia, Ken Klamm, Rob Layer, Sean Manfreda, Sue Morrison, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele

Excused: Karen Costello, Eric Oswald, Joyce Raymond, Mia Valvo and Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

- **Opening Prayer** - Al Dickinson
- **Approval of November Minutes and December Agenda**
The minutes were accepted with one correction. The Chili Cook-Off raised \$602.00, not \$902.00. The agenda was accepted as written.
- **Open Forum** - No one present
- **Councilor's Concerns**

Al announced that the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, December 28, 2018, 2 - 7 pm in Dailey Hall at St. Ambrose. He encouraged everyone to donate if possible.

The pictures of council members have not been updated on the website. In addition, the Vision Statement also is in need of updating. Fr. Bob will call this to the attention of the person in charge.

The railings at St. James have been installed and should be very helpful for the clergy as well as the laity.

A concern about the limited lighting around the parking area at St. James was raised. Fr. Bob will address this at the next staff meeting.

- **Book Discussion - Chapters 20-25 (*Divine Renovation Apprentice*)** - Fr. Bob

As previously mentioned, the use of parishioner testimonials would serve to be of value. Again, the survey was recommended as a means for input.

Our guest, Nick Frega, came prepared to share a copy of a survey prepared by the Diocesan Office and used previously in the diocese. He explained the reasoning behind some of the questions. It is a lengthy document so he just brought one copy which he shared. The Gallup survey had been mentioned but he felt that would be too costly to use. Matt also found a survey used at St. Leo's Church in Hilton and he has forwarded a copy electronically to Fr. Bob. Nick passed out a copy of the Department of Pastoral Services Useful Information to council members.

Chapters 26-31 for January.

➤ **Updates: Community Outreach and Christ Life - Rick and Rob**

The plans are underway for Outreach Day. Rick will have more information at the January meeting.

Testimonials were suggested as a means to encourage people to sign up for the upcoming series of Christ Life. Rob will check with Melissa Mang to see what progress has been made.

➤ **Youth Report**

Divine Renovation Apprentice - Chapter 20

How and Who:

Our parish community must recognize that young Catholics, like adults, need more opportunities to serve in parish ministries where membership is mostly adults. Maybe one or two youth could become members of the Social Ministry Committee. Maybe this would give them a better sense of engagement and belonging to the wider parish community. They are so eager to help. Also, a youth "Christ Life" program (similar to Alpha) would be a great way for youth to engage in the wider parish community, too. Continuing to invite them to serve in many different ministries at the parish would help deepen their relationships with the parish community.

Updates:

11/26/18 Dr. Thomas Carroll gave his presentation on Medical Ethics: Palliative Care vs. Physician-Assisted Suicide at St. James Church Hall for Year 1 and 2 Confirmation Youth and other parishioners.

11/27/18 10 youth members and parents assisted members of the Social Ministry Committee with making sandwiches and packing

toiletry kits for distribution to the poor. 12/2/18, Rev. Robert Schrader blessed the Year 1 Confirmation Candidates at St. John's. On 12/14/18 the Youth group will help to deliver stuffed animals and books to the Bivona Children's Center and on 12/15/18 they will be helping with delivery of the Parish Christmas Baskets.

On 12/17/18 the first-ever bilingual Las Posadas celebration will take place at St. James Church Hall from 6:15 - 7:45 pm. On 12/28/18 there will be a Social at Radio Social on Friday, 6 - 10 pm for Parish Youth and friends at College. There will be a prayer and blessing for Year 2 Confirmation Candidates at the 4:30 pm Mass on 1/26/19 at St. James Church. Confirmation Date for Year 2 candidates will be 4/8/19.

We have 5 basketball teams this year.

➤ **Reports - Financial, School, Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Fr. Bob passed out copies of the financial report for 11/30/18 and happily announced that the parish has reached the goal for the CMA for 2018-2019.

The school is in the process of preparing the packet of materials for Catholic Schools Week.

➤ **RocACTS Task Force Report - Carolyn and Bruce**

Carolyn's group is continuing to work on the issues, raising wages and housing. Bruce's group is focusing on police accountability and making changes in solitary confinement. Fr. Bob reported that Karen had called him regarding the yearly letter indicating the parish support for RocACTS. There were no changes from last year and Fr. Bob signed the letter on behalf of the parish.

➤ **Report from the Priest Council of NY Meeting and Trustee Meeting - Fr. Bob and Bob C.**

Fr. Bob attended a meeting in New York City with representation from eight other dioceses. The topic of sexual abuse was discussed. An attorney explained the guidelines followed. The media is misleading - making it appear as though nothing has been done. Actually, our diocese released records in 2002.

Bob C. attended this yearly seminar for trustees. The financial picture for the diocese looks fine. Audits are generally conducted in

the parishes every three years. A note of interest: we have 68 parish/regional cemeteries in the diocese.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Matt

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7 pm, St. John's Church Hall

Opening Prayer: Bruce Cavallaro

Closing Prayer: Rob Layer

Refreshments: Al Dickinson

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers