

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
St. John the Evangelist Church

Attendance: Katie Bess, Fr. Tim Brown, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Vernon Connors, Bob Crego, Rick Eisenman, Mary Ann Emerson, Ann Holstrom, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Augie Misiurewicz, Carol Reed, Maria Rosica, Fr. Robert Schrader, Sr. Marlene Vigna

Absent/Excused: Julie Antinore, Florence Cardella, Drew Desmarais, Cecelia Elliott and Ruth Tanner

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

- **Opening Prayer** – Augie
- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the April minutes and May agenda as written.

- **Open Forum** – No one present
- **Councilor's Concerns**

Fr. Bob reported that Julie Antinore had just informed him that she is withdrawing from Council effective immediately. A name will be drawn from the 2014-15 candidates to serve the remaining year on her term.

Fr. Bob thanked Bob C. and Katie for all their work to make the Recycling Event, Car Wash and First Annual Dinner and the Raffle so successful.

Fr. Bob informed Council that Jorge Ivan Ramirez Velasquez who will be ordained as a transitional deacon on June 6th has been assigned to the parish for 11 weeks this summer. Erick Vilorio (who was assigned to the parish in 2012 and has been attending the Theological College in Washington, DC) will also be ordained on that same date, and will be assigned to the parish in Geneva. Juan Benitez will be moving to Mother of Sorrows parish where he will reside while doing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Strong Hospital this summer.

Ann had a suggestion regarding the Community Outreach Day project at House of Mercy. She felt it would be helpful if helpers were given an orientation before going. If someone has never been there, it can be overwhelming.

The “summary” on the Agenda and the written Minutes was brought up and it is the consensus of opinion that this could be eliminated. In its place, before the end of the meeting if a Council member feels they are unsure of any business item discussed, they will have an opportunity to clarify any issues.

- **“Festival” Update** – Bob C./Katie

Bob felt it was successful. He complimented the work of the Knights of Columbus who contributed greatly to the day's events and a special thanks to Vern who helped the activities run smoothly. The 7000 lbs. of scrap realized about \$460. About 3400 lbs. of televisions were collected and recycled safely. The Youth Car Wash had a steady stream of cars and \$550 was received in donations. The meal was well-done by Paul Christopher Caterers. The figures for the raffles have not been finalized to date. (Katie suggested that the information about Family Fun Fest be directed to the school staff so they have an opportunity to participate.) Carol Fuchs and Carol Reed are in charge of calling other volunteers. There are still two booths in need of coverage. An article will be included in next week's parish bulletin.

➤ **Community Outreach Day, Saturday, April 25, 2015** - Jane

Jane complimented Fr. Bob on his good job as weatherman. She felt everything went well. There were a good number of volunteers. The project at East High was not completed; the mulching was challenging. Maria reported that the projects at House of Mercy were not completed and it is hoped to have a follow-up weekend in the near future. There was almost too much help in the morning making lunches but for next year it was suggested that prior to the day someone check that supplies such as plastic gloves, paper toweling, etc. are available.

Jane has a few suggestions to help future outreach days such as sign-up sheets at Dailey Hall on the actual day so if someone is a "no-show", the site coordinator will know. Also, mark tables with the name of the Project so workers can meet and plans can be formulated before leaving if necessary. Ruth shadowed Jane, so hopefully with Jane's help, she will assume the role of coordinator of outreach day. It is anticipated that Jason Dusett will also volunteer again.

➤ **Youth Report** - no one present

Report received after the meeting: Jr. High/Sr. High Groups participated in the car wash and realized a profit of \$550. Both groups will be participating at Family Fun Fest in June. The meetings are finished for this year. Sr. High group will be fund-raising for the NCYC trip to Indiana in November – some ideas include selling Delta Sonic car wash books and coupons as well as Peace of Christ Parish decals for cars, mugs, Christmas ornaments, etc.

➤ **Financial Report** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob distributed and reviewed the report as of April 30, 2015. After the Catholic Ministries Appeal ends on May 31, 2015, the parish will receive 50% of the coverage for their use. The question was raised if the preschool feeds into the school enrollment. Sadly, it has not but it is a money-maker for the school because the cost is lower than most child care centers in the area, and is starting to feed into the kindergarten program.

➤ **Covenant Approval** – Rick

Everyone received the amended copy of the Covenant and had been asked to review the changes. The motion was made and seconded to accept the amended version. A copy of the Covenant will be made available to the newly selected members of Pastoral Council before the June meeting.

➤ **Rochester ACTS Activities – Fr. Bob**

The Rochester ACTS (Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society) had a march and rally for “Fight for 15” (a poverty issue), on April 15, 2015 at the Eastman Quad, University of Rochester. No other information was available on any other activity planned. Fr. Bob mentioned that the meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month but this month’s meeting was cancelled.

➤ **Vision Statement – Rick**

Members had been asked to volunteer to be responsible for contacting the person(s) responsible for implementing the goals and report back to Council on the progress of the individual Goals listed in the Vision Statement.

Goal #1 Update Responsibility – Jane

Goal #2 Update Responsibility – Katie & Cathy

Discussion arose about the feasibility of renting a billboard promoting the parish. The cost for the two month’s promotion of the school was about \$4200 for design and rental. Location is a factor in determining the cost. The idea of a computer-controlled sign was raised but it was felt that the cost would put that type of signage beyond our means. Placement at the St. Ambrose site would be more ideal because of its location. The suggestion was made that perhaps some of the overage from the CMA could be earmarked for this but it was the general opinion was that the sign presently at St. Ambrose could be better utilized. Fr. Bob will bring this issue to staff meeting.

Goal #3 Update Responsibility – Carol & Mary Ann

Goal #4 Update Responsibility – Ann & Ruth (Ann offered to contact Ruth inasmuch as she is not in attendance this evening.)

Goal #5 Update Responsibility – Bob “Make Church Matter.”

5.6 Schedule a town-hall style meeting to field questions..... Faith Formation Committee has suggested having a meeting in one of the churches on Sunday, November 1, 2015 with the priests and pastoral associates/minister available to answer questions prepared in advance which will come from the parishioners on any subject relative to the issue. Phone numbers and names will be required for a question to be considered. Some questions might need to be answered in another venue. Fr. Bob will check the calendar.

It was noted that the Faith Formation Committee is down to three members. Ann asked if they still meet in the afternoons which they do. She indicated an interest but is not available in the afternoon.

➤ **School Update – Fr. Bob**

There is a need for co-chairs for two of the School Councils – Marketing and Strategic Planning. If any Council member has any suggestion of someone who might be willing to serve, please give this information to Fr. Bob. They meet every other month.

➤ **Knights of Columbus** – Vern

The next event, a Chicken Barbecue Dinner, is planned for June 12 to benefit the school. The group has already donated \$2000 along with \$1000 from the State Chapter to the school. They are working on a Backpack program, partnering with Foodlink, which will supply students with food items.

➤ **Pictorial Directory** – Vern

The layout is in final stage. The committee met and reviewed the pages. The next step is the draft. After that has been completed, checked over, then on to the printers.

➤ **Council Nominating Committee** – Cathy

Ballots have been collected for the drawing of four new Council members on the weekend of May 23/24, 2015. At the present time, the names are being reviewed by parish staff. Cathy, with help from Mary Ann and Carol, will contact them to confirm that they wish to serve.

➤ **Housekeeping**

Welcome Table slots for May 23/24 at the three sites are filled.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Mary Ann Emerson

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Hospitality: Rick Eisenman

Opening Prayer: Maria Rosica

Closing Prayer: Ann Holstrum

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers