

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church
February 4, 2020

Attendance: Carolyn Conrow, Karen Costello, Lola DeAscentiis, Ken Klamm, Gail Layer, Rob Layer, Robert Meisenzahl, Sue Morrison, Eric Oswald, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, Raymond Warth, Catherine Witner

Excused: Fr. Tim Brown, Deacon Robert Corsaro, Bob Crego, Alan Dickinson, Judy Dickinson, Jane Koch, and Sr. Marlene Vigna RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Karen C.

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

The January Minutes and February Agenda were accepted as written.

The attendance form for tonight's meeting and the sign-up sheet for February and March Welcome Weekend (February 22/23 and March 21/22) were passed around.

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Fr. Bob announced that the Urban Choice Charter School did not take the opportunity for the automatic renewal of the lease. The actual deadline of their lease is July 15, 2020. The school has not received notification that their charter is being renewed. The parish was aware that they had been looking for another location, one with a gymnasium. This now opens the door for another tenant or possibly the sale of the property (RFP – Request for Proposal) One possibility might be for housing, such as Providence Housing Development Corporation. Rob expressed a concern about possible parking lot issues if housing were to be considered.

➤ **Community Outreach (Saturday, April 25)** – Eric

The information about this event has been in the bulletin. Eric reviewed the plan for the day. At the present time, we need to have input regarding projects from parishioners. Already on the list are Angels of Mercy, House of Mercy, Dimitri House, St. Marks & St. Johns, Northwest Village Association and Community Place. Scouts have been contacted for help. Ken asked Eric to compile an overview of the procedure to be followed in planning this event. The topic of how it is promoted was discussed. It is important that parishioners understand that this is an opportunity to help other parishioners or neighbors who are in need of inside or outside work. Sign-up sheets will be available a month before the event.

1. Statement

The statement was reviewed and some changes were suggested – some duplication under 1.2. Sue will compile a write-up on the North Winton Village Arts Festival for future reference. Karen is working on an updated listing of contact names and phone numbers of the committees/projects. (3.3)

There was input on the suggestion that council members wear their nametags for Welcome Weekend/Mass. It was generally agreed that it would be a good idea to wear them at every parish event providing recognition and easy access for questions from parishioners and others.

➤ Parish Survey

Ken passed out an updated overview of the results of the survey. A total of 149 surveys were returned; of which 65 were online. The returns came mostly from the female population and from the age group of 35 and up. The parish bulletin was the medium most used to get information about the parish and events. Ken will put together an overview for further discussion. He would like to see more use of social media as a means to promote parish activities.

➤ Youth Report – Lola and Raymond

Another successful youth report and card writing session was held on January 23. They wrote 51 Valentine greeting cards to the homebound; this number has doubled from last month. The next session will be February 13, 4-5 pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. Another date has been planned for March 8, 11 – 12 Noon at St. Ambrose Academy. A Lenten Project is in the works with the Social Ministry Committee – details to be announced. Mardi Gras celebration on February 25th, 11 – Noon at St. Ambrose Academy.

CYO Basketball Season is underway, January 4 – February 23. Schedules may be found on parish website. Boys JV Tournament begins on February 27.

The Faith Through Sports Awards Ceremony is coming up on March 3, 7 pm. Coaches are in the process of nominating players who have fulfilled the criteria for this award.

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. Admission \$1/per person.

➤ **Financials/School/CMA Report**

Fr. Bob passed out the financial report as of January 31, 2020. 108% of our goal of \$110,395 for Catholic Ministries Appeal has been pledged with actual receipts amounting to \$97,857 of the total pledged of \$119,873. If pledged amount is reached by the end of May, one-half of the overage is returned for parish use.

The question was raised as to how many families at St. Ambrose Academy are registered parishioners. Fr. Bob did not have the information with him but will check the numbers. Fr. Bob shared the news that there is a new group starting the altar server training at the present time.

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

Karen passed out a copy of the program booklet from the Annual Dinner held on December 8th. The Executive Committee is planning a leadership assembly, possibly in June. Karen showed a sample of the fabric bag (\$10. each) that the group is selling as their fund-raiser this year. The Education Task Force has suspended their meeting for the present.

Religious Leaders Caucus – Rob

A meeting was held here at St. John's in January with a presentation about the Poor People's Campaign.

Poverty and Jobs (Housing and Higher Wages) – Carolyn

Home health care workers went to Albany to meet with the legislators on health issues in January. A pilot program implementing a LYFT account for health workers has been initiated. Regarding Housing, REACH Advocacy is working to create permanent housing for the poor versus shelters. They are interested in acquiring a parcel of land on St. Paul Street where they hope to build nine tiny homes.

➤ **Parish Dinner Update – Fr. Bob**

The date for the Parish Dinner will be Saturday, May 9 and Deacon Bob will do the cooking.

➤ **Nominating Committee Report – Sue**

Sue shared the trifold display board she made explaining the Nomination Process which should prove to be of great value in clarifying this process to parishioners. Nominee forms and ballot boxes will be available at the three sites for five weeks. Starting in mid-May, nominee status will be verified and phone calls made. Four names will be drawn on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. It is hoped that there will be more than four nominees so as to avoid the situation that arose this past year when a council member was unable to complete his term.

➤ **Welcome Table Discussion – Ken**

Ken passed out an overview of the procedure which resulted in discussion and comments. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled at a future date with invitations sent to all council members inviting them to work on finalizing this process.

➤ **Pastoral Council Covent Review**

Upon review of the covenant, several changes were noted. Ken will make the suggested revisions and have the updated version available at the next meeting.

➤ **Closing Prayer – Ken**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

No meeting in March; next Pastoral Council meeting – April 14, 2020, 7 pm, St. John's Church Hall

Opening Prayer:	Lola DeAscentiis
Closing Prayer:	Sue Morrison
Refreshments:	Eric Oswald

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers