

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
Virtual via Cisco Webex
December 8, 2020

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

Excused: Deacon Robert Corsaro, Kerry Flannery, and Sr. Marlene Vigna.

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

Opening Prayer: Cathy Witner

Approval of November 2020 Minutes and December 2020 Agenda

The November 2020 Minutes and December 2020 Agenda were accepted as written.

Housekeeping Items: Needs to be addressed

Open Forum: No one present

Councilor Concerns:

Fr. Bob clarified the new regulations for Mass. Starting Monday, December 14, weekday Masses will resume live on the regular schedule. However, weekend Masses will continue to be livestreamed on Saturday, 4:30 pm and Sunday, 9 am. Reservations are needed for the Christmas Masses.

Rob asked for volunteers to help with seating at the Christmas Masses. All seating assignments will be prearranged.

Rob revisited again the concern for those older parishioners with needs who live alone which was brought up at the last meeting. He is willing to meet with anyone who would like to help address this issue. Mary Ellen and Carol Fuchs offered to assist.

Alan mentioned that the drawing for the Knights of Columbus Learning Computer Package Raffle will be drawn this coming Friday. Tickets sales were lower than they had hoped but they anticipate a net revenue of \$2000.

Outreach: Knights of Columbus and Women's Auxiliary made arrangements to give every resident at Brighton Manor a bag of Christmas Presents (Including Toiletries, books, stuffed animals, calendars, and special Christmas Card written by the Youth of the Parish) to help brighten their days during this pandemic.

2020 Survey Items

Ken asked for input. He feels the new parishioner welcome process is working well. Alan suggested a follow-up be made by the councilor after a few months to further complete the process. Cathy wondered about the possibility of having a bulletin board on the website for use by parishioners. In order to set up such an arrangement, it would be necessary to find someone with the skills necessary to set up a link on the website so as not to add a further burden on the office staff. Privacy issues would have to be addressed.

Rob said if anyone knows of someone in need, let the parish office know and they will address it appropriately. The suggestion was made to note in the bulletin that there was a need and it was taken care of without providing any personal information. It might be a good idea to let people know such situations are being addressed.

2021 Survey

The survey will be a part of the Time, Talent and Treasure forms. Fr. Bob is concerned that people may not return to church for Mass after the pandemic. Are our parishioners aware of what is being offered – ministries and activities? Ken asked council members to think about these questions and be ready for further discussion at the next meeting.

Youth Report – Lola and Raymond

Youth reps continue to coordinate the successful card ministry with parish youth. Adult Faith-Youth Collaboration – Adult Faith members will be making homemade cards for the youth ministry. Many cards have been donated but there is a scarcity of everyday cards. Ann Holstrum, who has a Stampin Up business, will train adult faith members to make homemade cards. In addition to sending cards to our homebound parishioners, we hope to include those who have received the sacraments. This will be a good way to stay connected with our parish community and to promote parish programs. This project will start after Christmas.

The CYO basketball program has been cancelled.

Finance – Fr. Bob

The financial report for November 30 was posted on the screen. Fr. Bob was pleased to announce that our parish has reached 100.15% of our quota for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal is \$110,395 and we have received \$110,565 in donations and pledges. We have until May 31, 2021 to collect these pledges. We have actually received cash donations totaling \$77,476. At the present time, the parish has a deficit of \$63,491. Fr. Bob wanted to make sure the Parish was aware of this in case there is any way they could help to offset this deficit. Mass attendance is down. Collections are lower and most likely will be for some time. The cost of sanitizing and equipment for school adds to the deficit. At the present time there are 19 registered in PreK and 102 in Grades K-5. Fr. Bob is pleased that the parish has been able to retain all the regular staff.

RocACTS Task Force Reports

Karen announced there is a meeting coming up. At the present time, there is a reorganization in process.

RocACTS is in the process of interviewing for a new Director/Organizer and hopes to have a recommendation to the Board at its upcoming December meeting. Due to Covid it had to cancel the annual banquet and is now participating in the Faith In Action Network "Together We Give" campaign to try to generate the funds to make up for that loss in the budget. The Education Task Force has been meeting twice a month via Zoom.

Poverty and Jobs Task Force will be meeting soon and Karen was able to arrange for Mary Ann to participate remotely in this meeting.

Criminal Justice Task Force will be meeting in January. They will be working on their newly-developed agenda for 2021 entitled THE ROADMAP.

Rob indicated there is a meeting of the Religious Leaders Caucus coming up.

Closing Prayer: Mary Ann

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7 pm.

Action Steps:

Outreach to Older Parishioners who are living alone – **Rob**

Questions for 2021 Survey for discussion at next meeting - **All**