

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Tim Brown, Bruce Cavallaro, Carolyn Conrow, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Alan Dickinson, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Rob Layer, Sean Manfreda, Jean McClure, Sue Morrison, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Mary Ellen Steele, and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Absent/Excused: Carol Fuchs, Elizabeth Mang and Patrick Larkin

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

- **Opening Prayer** – Al Dickinson
- **Approval of October Minutes and November Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the October Minutes as written and the November agenda with a minor correction.

- **Open Forum** – Bob Crego

The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday evening, May 19th, at the St. Ambrose site, in Dailey Hall. The raffle tickets for the cash prizes that are drawn that evening will go on sale the weekends of April 7/8, 14/15, 21/22. Dinner tickets will go on sale starting Sunday, May 6. Bob will be looking for volunteers to help with the ticket sales and set-up of Dailey Hall on Friday afternoon, May 18. An informational/organizational meeting for Fund-raising Events is planned for Wednesday evening, December 6 at 6:30 pm at the St. James site.

Bob attended a Diocesan training meeting on 11/13 for Finance Councils and Lay Trustees, and heard many interesting facts about the Diocese that he feels would be valuable to share with Council. He is hopeful that Fr. Schrader will share some of this information in the near future as an Agenda item.

- **Councilor's Concerns**

Fr. Schrader distributed copies of the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements which everyone is required to sign and return.

Rob Layer mentioned that there are 80 residents at Brighton Manor; of which there are 10 who have no family or visitors. Perhaps there may be parishioners who have indicated on the Time, Talent, and Treasure sheets that they would be interested in this activity. Rob will try to identify these residents at Brighton Manor so perhaps something can be done about arranging visitation.

Rick Eisenman contacted Marty Moynihan, Social Ministry, to follow up an inquiry about which groups are included in the parish tithing. Marty gave him a partial list of the groups with more information to come. Rick will share the full information at another council meeting.

➤ **Vision Statement** – Rick Eisenman

Several goals were reviewed, discussed, and amended. Rick will make the changes and send a revised copy to council members.

➤ **Youth Report** – Sean Manfreda

On October 16, members of the Youth Group assisted at the Family Gathering at St. James Church Hall. The Niagara Chocolate Fund-raiser is going on at the present time and will end on December 10. The proceeds will benefit the youth groups in attending diocesan-sponsored retreats. A bowling event is scheduled for November 19th at Radio Social. On November 28th, members will help the Social Ministry Committee by assembling toiletry/food baskets. In December, they will be sorting/packing medical supplies to be shipped to hospitals in third world countries for InterVol; assisting in distributing food baskets to the poor; and assisting at the Family Gathering on December 18. The Christmas Party is planned for December 14, 6-8 pm, at St. James. Soccer season ended with a soccer team vs. parent tournament and pizza party on October 16th. The Faith Through Sports Soccer Award was presented to Josephine Ryan and Alexis Verhagen on October 16th at St. Louis Church. Peace of Christ has five basketball teams practicing at Dailey Hall. The final schedule will be shared at the next Council meeting.

➤ **Finance/School/TTT/CMA Report** – Fr. Bob Schrader

The parish has reached its goal of \$105,637. Actually at the present time we have 104% pledged with about \$60,000 already received. Fr. Bob expressed his appreciation for all those who give so generously but he would like to see

a greater percentage of the parishioners participate. Usually only about one-quarter of our families donate to the Appeal.

Our attendance figures are lower compared with last year. Our ChristLife program which will take place for 9 weeks on Wednesday evenings from January through March hopefully will encourage parishioners to extend an invitation to family, friends, neighbors and help in this endeavor.

The next step in renaming St. John Neumann School to St. Ambrose Academy will be for Fr. Schrader to present the minutes from Pastoral Council and School Council, indicating all in favor of the change, to Bishop Matano. It is anticipated that he will be in agreement of this change. Colors, logo, uniforms will remain the same for the 2018-19 year.

With regard to the Time, Talent, and Treasure Input – the new software is still creating a few problems. Hopefully, this will be rectified soon so the information can be accessed.

➤ **ChristLife** – Rick Eisenman

Pastoral Council will host the session on Wednesday, February 21, 6 – 8 pm at St. John's Church – note the change: it originally was to be held at St. James. Margaret Richter has agreed to coordinate the evening meals, buffet style, for these evening events. A team leader will be needed for a table; staff will serve as team leaders also. It is hoped that there will be a need for several tables. The role of the host group is to welcome participants, help serve dinner, have an opening prayer. The program is self-contained and should run itself. The training session for team leaders is scheduled for November 15, 6-8 pm in the Youth Room at St. James School. Joyce Raymond offered to go to the training session.

➤ **RocACTS Task Force Members Reports**– Bruce Cavallaro , Carolyn Conrow Joanne Driscoll and Fr. Schrader

The meeting held on Thursday, November 2, 2017, 6:30 pm at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 304 Joseph Avenue, Rochester, NY 14605 was well attended. Several of the candidates running for office in the city were there. It will remain to be seen if those in attendance who expressed support for the issues will follow through on their commitment. Our letter indicating our support, signed by Fr. Robert Schrader, was forwarded to President Loretta Scott, Rochester City Council.

➤ **Welcome Packets** – Sr. Marlene Vigna and Rob Layer

After reviewing the welcome packet, both Sr. Marlene and Rob felt that the brevity of the packet was welcoming. Too much information can be confusing. However, the placement of the materials should be changed. Perhaps, a letter of welcome from the pastor should be the first item in the packet. Fr. Bob has indicated he would work on drafting a letter. Any financial information should be at the back of the packet – necessary but not the first thing a person interested in the parish should see. Also, all packets should to be updated on a regular basis and the same at all sites. Packets should also be made available every week, not just at the Welcome Table. A suggestion was made that if a greeter doesn't recognize a person, or knows they are visitors, they could give out a packet. Placement of the Welcome Table at the different sites was mentioned. Another way of welcoming would be when a family registers, their name and a welcome message published in the Church Bulletin. Fr. Bob suggested ordering a Welcome Banner to be displayed at the Welcome Table.

Welcome Table – Weekend of November 25/26

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Joanne Driscoll

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Opening Prayer:	Bruce Cavallaro
Closing Prayer:	Carolyn Conrow
Refreshments:	Rick Eisenman

Next meeting: at St. John Church Hall – Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers