

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
In-person/Virtual via Cisco Webex
November 10, 2020

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

Excused: Deacon Robert Corsaro and Sr. Marlene Vigna

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7 pm.

Opening Prayer: Judy Dickinson

Welcome back to Alan Dickinson who is taking over the opening on Council left by the resignation of Robert Meisenzahl.

October Minutes/November Agenda

The October minutes were approved with one correction and the November agenda was approved as written.

Action Steps Update from October Meeting

New Name Tags and Place Cards are ready for distribution

Follow-up on Greeters at St. James Masses (Rob Layer) – tabled at November meeting

Overview of Community Service Agencies completed by Mary Ann and given to Ken – a wealth of information that will need to be reviewed in the near future

Recap of Changes in Ministries/Committees – Ken and Mary Ann will work together to help make this information more user-friendly

Status of Council Picture Board/Ministry Display for three sites – completed and ready

Housekeeping Items

Coverage for Welcome Weekend was arranged but the actual dates were in question. Saturday, St. James, 4:30 pm – Ken; Sunday, St. James, 8 am – Cathy; Sunday, St. John's, 9 am – Mary Ann; Sunday, St. Ambrose, 9:45 am – Alan; Sunday, St. John's, 11 am – Gail and Sunday, St. Ambrose, 5 pm – Mary Ellen. Fr. Bob will validate the correct date with the office staff. (The actual dates are November 21 and 22.)

Open Forum – no one

Councilor Concerns

Alan mentioned that there has been a very low demand for tickets for the Knights of Columbus Learning Computer Package Raffle to benefit St. Ambrose Academy. Tickets may be purchased on line at the school website. Hopefully council members will pass the word about this worthy cause.

Vision Statement – Ken and Karen

Ken reviewed the final version of the Vision Statement indicating segments that have been condensed. Fr. Bob will take this final version to staff. The motion was made and seconded to accept this Vision Statement.

Youth Report – Lola and Raymond

The youth reps did a fantastic job at the Masses on October 17/18 celebrating Children's Interfaith Weekend. Lola and Ray with their families led the youth group meeting at Dailey Hall on November 1. The topic was Service (and Catholic Social Teachings) as a second way to build a relationship with God. They shared their own service project stories. Marty Moynihan and Debbie Lechinger from the Social Ministry Committee did a presentation on their current projects. Because of the pandemic, many service projects will not take place. The Youth Group is currently researching other organizations that might be able to use their help. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th. The Card Ministry will continue through January. They have received positive feedback from this activity.

Financial Report – Fr. Bob

Copies of the financial report were passed out and posted on the screen for virtual attendees. Our Catholic Ministries Appeal has reached 87.25% of the goal of \$110,395. Fr. Bob is hopeful that we will reach our goal by Thanksgiving. Despite the pandemic, parishioners are doing quite well with their monthly offerings. Attendance is low. Thanksgiving and Christmas Masses will be livestreamed at St. James. It is anticipated that attendance at the Christmas Masses will be by reservation only. There are 123 students attending St. Ambrose Academy – more than last year. The new regulation announced this week is that 1/5 of the student enrollment will need to be tested weekly for COVID. If a parent chooses not to have their child tested, the child will have to attend classes virtually.

RocACTS – Karen

Karen indicated that Council is in need of representation on the Criminal Justice Task Force and Poverty and Jobs Task Force. Alan agreed to serve as our representative on the Criminal Justice Task Force as he did when he previously served on Council. Mary Ann agreed to represent the Poverty and Jobs Task Force for a few months and make a final decision after that time. The Task Force groups will not be meeting until January.

2020 Survey Results – Ken

Ken reviewed the overview of the survey and noted that many of those returned were from the older generation. The suggestion of a listing of those parishioners who live alone was made but parish records would not provide this information. It is important that we serve all parishioners and meet their needs where possible. Fr. Bob mentioned that individuals who stop at the parish office looking for help usually are not parishioners and it is a one-time need. Parishioners who ask for assistance would be referred to an appropriate agency if the parish is not in a position to provide help. The need for the website to be updated and kept current is a very important issue. The suggestion to have a Social Media Committee was made. Fr. Bob will take this idea back to staff for their input. Ken asked council members to review the list and if they have any more ideas that would help parish relationships from the list (or not just from the list) to forward them on to Mary Ann.

Closing Prayer: Carol

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting: December 8, 7 pm, St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

Opening Prayer – Cathy

Closing Prayer – Mary Ann

Refreshments - Jane

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers

Recording Secretary

Action Steps:

Follow-up on Greeters at Mass at St. James – **Rob Layer** (tabled at November meeting)

Ministries/Committees Clarification – **Ken, Karen and Mary Ann**

Setting up a Social Media Committee – **Ken/Input from Parish Staff**

Ideas to help parish relationships – **All council members**