

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
St. John the Evangelist Church

Attendance: Katie Onorato, Fr. Tim Brown, Cathy Buyer-Davis, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Cece Elliott, , Carol Fuchs, Mark Mang, Jean McClure, Jane McGrath-Briggs, Augie Misiurewicz, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Robert Schrader, Ruth Tanner

Excused: Mary Ann Emerson, Sr. Marlene Vigna, Ann Holstrom

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** – Bob C.

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June minutes and the September agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum**

Marty Moynihan passed out a letter from Judith Boyd, a member of the Social Ministry Committee of Peace of Christ Parish, asking for nominations for a person or persons to be honored at a dinner held by the Greater Rochester Community of Churches Faith in Action Network (GRCC/FIAN -- an opportunity to recognize someone who puts their faith into action daily, doing God's good work with a joyful heart. This committee has been asked to select a person from Peace of Christ Parish for this year's award and they are reaching out to the different committees of the parish for help in seeking nominations.

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

Bob C. presented a concern that he recently had from a parishioner who was distressed at the choice of hymn sung at the Sunday Liturgy. He had expected her to be present for Open Forum but inasmuch as she did not appear, he felt it necessary to express her concern. The hymn was a regular one used from our hymnal. Bob C. will contact her and encourage her to take her concern to the Liturgy Committee.

Bob C. mentioned that Stella Nozzi, Women's Auxiliary, is looking for anyone interested in a Chili Cook-off scheduled for Saturday, November 14 along with viewing of a college football game. She asked that anyone interested to get back to her by September 10th.

Joe asked about the possibility of putting a "Memory Hill" in the Peace Garden at St. John the Evangelist site. There is a small area which could be designated using crosses, bricks or stones to commemorate a loved one with the offering going to a fund to help with the upkeep of the Peace Garden. Joe will research this further and report back to Council.

Joe asked about the status of the parish directory. Parishioners have been asking him when it is coming out. Fr. Bob reported that it is in the final stage before going to the printer. Vern Connors who has coordinated the publication of the new directory recently changed jobs and is located out-of-town and is home weekends. Fr. Bob will hopefully have an expected delivery date at the next meeting.

➤ **2015-15 Vision Statement Review/Discussion**

Joe and Carol will report on Goal 1; Katie and Joanne on Goal 2; Joyce and Mark on Goal 5. Bob C. will have a complete list of council members and the goals they will be reporting on at the next meeting.

Goal 2.3: Promote our “Kid-friendliness”

Statement a: Augie questioned the need to set up a Mass nursery based on current needs. Further discussion is needed. The Children’s Sabbath is coming up soon.

Statement b: Katie and CeCe feel that there may not be a need for a summer Liturgy of the Word for the youth at St. Ambrose and St. John the Evangelist worship sites. Many families do not maintain a regular schedule during the summer. It was decided that further study should be done on this matter.

Goal 3: Get more parishioners involved in church ministries and committees.

Statement 3.6: Regarding Festival events, Bob C. will help someone with a raffle if it is decided to continue this event; Cathy will work on KidsFest; Youth Group would continue with their car washes; Bob C. will continue the Recycling event. More discussion will be needed to decide if the raffle and dinner will be continued..

Goal 5: Make Church Matter– Bob C.

5.2a: Combined choir events have been scheduled and rehearsals are coming up.

5.2b Kyle, a young student, is playing his clarinet at 8 am Mass at St. James site. If anyone knows of anyone interested in playing, please refer them to Janet or Terry.

5.4 Pictures of council members have been taken and will be posted at the three sites.

5.6 Schedule a Town Hall Meeting - the meeting tentatively scheduled for November 1 has been put on hold for the time being.

Bob C. asked council members to report monthly on any goals they are responsible for or desire to have discussed.

➤ **Youth** - CeCe and Mark

Youth groups will begin meeting in September. Sr. High Group will be having a Candy Bar Sale Fundraiser for the trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference to be held in Indianapolis. CYO Soccer begins in September and runs through October. The Boy Scouts will be assisting at the Pet Blessing on October 4 in Dailey Hall.

➤ **Financial** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob distributed the end-of-the-year financial report and reviewed the figures. The new Catholic Ministries Appeal goal figures will be distributed to the parishes this month. The year ended with a slight deficit which was made up by savings. Mass Attendance and Collection totals remain constant.

➤ **Cultural Diversity** – Fr. Carlos

Welcome to Fr. Carlos.

September 15 – October 15 is Hispanic Cultural Awareness Month. To help celebrate this event, hymns with Spanish lyrics will be sung at the three sites. Posters about Spanish saints will be on display. Information will be included in the Children's Bulletin which is distributed at St. Ambrose and St. John the Evangelist sites. Copies will be allocated to be distributed at the St. James site.

➤ **Updates** – Fr. Bob

St. John Neumann School enrollment is down as a result of the loss of the sixth grade. However, Preschool and Kindergarten numbers are good which bodes well for the future. Channel 10 had coverage about the school on ads on several occasions. There was an ad in the City Newspaper. The school received a \$5000 grant from the Mendick Foundation. School Mass will be celebrated this week. School council will be meeting later this month The Women's Auxiliary have plans in the making for a pancake breakfast or a cookies and milk with Santa at a date to be announced.

Regarding the Festival, Bob C repeated that he would help with the car raffle but would need several helpers if this event is to be continued. More discussion will be needed.

Change in Pastoral Council Meeting Dates: The January 12 date is tentative – Fr. Bob may have a conflict; he will confirm in October. There usually is no meeting in March because of Lent but Fr. Bob has a conflict with the April 12th date so this meeting has been changed to March 29, 2016.

➤ **Housekeeping** – Welcome Table assignments are complete for September.

➤ **Closing Prayer** - Katie

Hospitality: Joe Dilal/Joyce Raymond
Opening Prayer: Jean McClure
Closing Prayer: Jane McGrath-Briggs

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers