

Peace of Christ Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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

Absent/Excused: Elizabeth Mang and Jean McClure

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm

- **Opening Prayer** – Joan Frazier
- **Approval of June Minutes and September Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the June Minutes with a minor grammatical correction and the September agenda as written.

- **Report on Church Picnic and Ministry Fair** – Bob Crego

About 88 people attended the Picnic on Sunday, September 10, and it was a success showing a small profit. There were a few no-shows. Bob Crego met with the Finance Director, Patty Macera, and she suggested having prepaid tickets for next year.

The Ministry Fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 9:30 – 1:30 pm in Dailey Hall at St. Ambrose. Help will be needed for set-up at 10 am on Saturday. Refreshments will be served. Wegmans was contacted and they generously donated a \$100 gift card.

- **Open Forum** – no one present
- **Councilor's Concerns**

Joan Frazier brought a welcoming brochure from St. John the Evangelist Church on West Ridge Road to share with Council.

A list of the current email addresses was passed around for verification. Joyce Raymond's will be corrected and an updated roster will be distributed.

Fr. Bob Schrader reviewed the upcoming work schedule for next week at the St. James site; bushes will be removed on the Brockley Road side and trimmed on the Brett Road side. The area on Brett Road will be fenced allowing for an enclosed playground for use by the school. Help will be needed on Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23, 9 am. Anyone who is willing to help, just arrive about 9 am with a chainsaw.

As a follow-up to a concern from the June meeting, Joe Dilal reported that there is a wheelchair available at all three sites and at no cost to the parish.

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Chicken Dinner on October 5 and a Blood Drive on December 29.

➤ **Review/Update of 2017-2018 Vision Statement** – Rick Eisenman

The Vision Statement was reviewed based on the input at the August meeting.

➤ **Youth Report** – Patrick Larkin and Sean Manfreda

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups meet Monday evenings, usually twice a month, following the faith formation schedule at St. James School in the Youth Room. The first meeting is Monday, September 18, 6:15 - 7:45 pm. They will follow goals and components outlined in *Renewing the Vision* (a copy was distributed to council members). The first fundraiser – Niagara Chocolate Bars – starts in October. The funds raised will help offset cost for attending the Foundations Leadership Retreat at Camp Stella Maris during Spring Break in 2018. Pastoral Council Youth will meet with youth group members of the parish to create a schedule of events for this year.

Soccer season is underway with a new director of CYO, Robert Nalapa. At present we have two teams – a 3/4 coed and 5/6 coed. The season runs between 9/4/17 – 10/6/17.

➤ **Financial Report** – Fr. Bob Schrader

Fr. Bob reviewed the report as of 8/31/17. There has been a slight increase in the Catholic Ministries Appeal over last year. Mailings will be going out during the last two weeks of September. A group of early contributors will be meeting on Sunday, September 24 at 2 pm in advance of the general solicitation.

➤ **Updates – School/Arts Festival/RocACTS** – Fr. Bob Schrader/Rick Eisenman

Enrollment is slightly up for St. John Neumann School. Registration is ongoing. Rick Eisenman questioned if any of the registrants from the summer camp signed up for school. Fr. Schrader will check on this. Regarding the rebranding of the school, forms were included in the church bulletins for parishioners, parents, and alumni to indicate one of three choices: remain the same, Peace of Christ School or St. Ambrose Academy. The deadline for returning forms is September 20th. At that time, the returns will be reviewed by School Council and if a change is indicated, Fr. Schrader will present the change to the Bishop for consideration. If there were to be a change, it would not begin until September 2018.

Saturday, September 16, is the North Winton Arts Festival. Joanne Driscoll will be covering the Parish Table in Linear Garden on East Main Street from 8:30 am until 5 pm. Joe Dilal, Rick Eisenman, and Carol Fuchs offered to help her.

Fr. Schrader thanked Bruce Cavallaro (Jobs), Carolyn Conrow (Poverty) and Joanne Driscoll (Education) for volunteering to serve on the three Core Team Committees for RocACTS. Bruce has already attended a meeting; their focus is on young adults being housed in jail along with older men; police accountability; and gang gun violence. Carolyn has also attended a meeting and their focus is on poverty, especially dealing with the wages of health care workers. Joanne's group has planned a meeting in the very near future.

➤ **Hispanic Awareness Month/Eucharistic Year -**

Bishop Matano has declared this year "The Year of the Eucharist" commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Rochester in March 2018. Bishop Mantano will be celebrating Mass at St. Ambrose on October 21st for Encuentro.

Hispanic Awareness Month runs from September 15 to October 15. There are articles in the weekly church bulletin under LITURGY CORNER this month with information on the history of this celebration. In recognition of this event, we will be using the bilingual mass setting (Mass Setting Ten in the hymnals).

➤ **Housekeeping – Rick Eisenman**

Welcome Table is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. The procedure for Welcome Table was explained to the new council members. It was noted that copies of the directory have been given out to

new registrants in the past. Some sites do not have any more; there may be a supply at the parish office.

➤ **Closing Prayer** – Carol Fuchs

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Opening Prayer:	Bruce Cavallaro
Closing Prayer:	Sr. Marlene Vigna
Refreshments:	Carolyn Conrow

Next meeting: at St. John Church Hall – Tuesday, October 10, 2017 - 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Goldie Rogers