

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
Virtual via Cisco Webex

March 2, 2021

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 RSM

Scribe: Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:01 pm.

Opening Prayer: Cathy Witner

Approval of January 2021 Minutes and March 2021 Agenda:

Minutes and Agenda were approved as written.

Housekeeping Items

Council members signed up for the April Ministry Minute presentation at the end of Masses on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. To help those who feel they need help, Ken will write up a skeleton script and with input from participants will refine one to be used.

4:30 pm at St. James – Karen Costello

8 am at St. James – Cathy Witner

9 am at St. John the Evangelist – Mary Ann Borrelli

9:45 am at St. Ambrose – Judy Dickinson

11 am at St. John the Evangelist - Ken Klamm

5 pm at St. Ambrose - Ken Klamm

Welcome Weekend Schedule for March 27/28:

Please let staff member know you are there, wear your name tag, and greet parishioners.

4:30 pm at St. James – Alan and Judy Dickinson

8 am at St. James – Cathy Witner

9:00 at St. John the Evangelist – Mary Ellen Steele

9:45 am at St. Ambrose – Anne Ross

11 am at St. John the Evangelist - Gail Layer

5 pm at St. Ambrose-

Opening Prayer for April Meeting: Gail Layer

Closing Prayer for April Meeting: Carol Fuchs

Open Forum – no one present

Councilor Concerns

Ken asked those council members who had reached out to new parishioners about the feedback they received. All had left messages but received little or no return calls. The delay in getting the names in a timely manner was discussed. At the present time, because of the pandemic, the office is closed. While office staff has been working every day, they have been limited because one staff person has been out on sick leave. On a positive note, despite the pandemic, we have had six registrations.

On-Line Bulletin Board – Fr. Bob

This item is tabled until the April meeting. Fr. Bob shared the news that there is no longer a website committee. This is now being handled at the Diocesan Office.

Vision Statement

This is a statement that always needs updating. It was noted that the on-line Masses have been well-received. It was suggested that “how we get parishioners back to church to celebrate Mass” be a topic for discussion at the next meeting.

Youth – Lola and Raymond

Youth reps continue to coordinate/lead the successful card ministry. The Youth groups are reading *I Heard God Laugh* and will be discussing it at their ZOOM meeting on Sunday, March 21. Sadly, the 2021 Notre Dame Summer Conference has been suspended because of the pandemic.

Boy Scout Troop 37 has continued to have activities as outlined in their newsletter, “The Compass.”

A council member inquired about the success of the recent bottle drive. There are no actual figures but there appeared to be a good response.

Financials (Church, School, CMA) - Fr. Bob

The financial report was posted for all to see on the screen. Fr. Bob reported that we still have a total of about \$12,000 outstanding in pledges for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. This amount must be paid by May 31, 2021. Any balance due will have to be paid with parish funds. Fr. Bob feels quite confident that parishioners will honor their pledges.

St. Ambrose Academy enrollment is 123 students at the present time – an increase of 17 over last year. To date, there is an early enrollment of 52 for next year. Fr. Bob and the school administrator will be going to a meeting at the Diocesan Office to discuss next year’s subsidy.

Mass Attendance and Collections are down reflecting the effects of the pandemic.

## RocACTS Task Force Reports – Mary Ann, Alan, Karen, Rob

**Poverty & Jobs:** Mary Ann reported that there was a great amount of discussion on the recent spraying incident on a child by a member of the Rochester Police Department. The Police Accountability Board is following this investigation closely. A survey of health workers has been done and will be presented to legislators. A grant has been awarded to help health care workers with transportation costs. There is a concern about the lack of protective equipment for health workers who make home visits.

**Religious Leaders Caucus:** Rob was unable to attend but Karen covered the meeting and will forward the recording of the minutes to Rob and Fr. Bob.

**Education:** Karen reported that a letter has been sent to school parents asking for input on how well they feel things are going. Resource materials are available for parents.

**Justice System Task Force:** Alan reported that the group met on February 8 and officially changed the name as noted and finalized the Mission Statement. The committee reviewed a document from the city of Rochester to the Governor which includes recommendations from the task force. The recommendations will be reviewed to determine if they are still relevant. HALT (Alternatives to Isolated Confinement) is an important issue. Currently, there is a disproportionate number of Blacks, Latino and those suffering from mental illness being isolated. Our focus is to end this torture which can last anywhere from weeks to years. The group is currently in the process of mailing letters to the legislators in support of HALT.

## Nominating Committee Report – Karen

In the next five weeks, the outreach materials and the trifold will be updated. Karen and her committee will be working together. Karen encouraged everyone to nominate anyone they believe would be a good fit for council. It is not necessary to ask their permission to make a nomination. A reminder that all eligible nominee names will be recorded in the Pastoral Council Minutes for further reference if needed.

## Pastoral Council Covenant Review

Ken noted that under OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES for the recording secretary, it states that the recording secretary shall maintain a record of all proceedings. The recording secretary actually takes the minutes, sends the draft to the Pastoral Executive Committee, which consists of the pastor, chairperson and vice-chairperson, for editing and distribution to council members. At the meeting, if there are any corrections, the chairperson makes any corrections needed and the final minutes are given to the office staff and they are posted on the parish website. Ken will amend the covenant to reflect the actual procedure. The question was raised as to whether there was any requirement at the diocesan level. Fr. Bob did not believe this is an issue.

Under Pastoral Council Committees, it was noted that in February, each standing parish committee shall submit to Pastoral Council by April a list of the past year's accomplishments along with the committee's goals for the upcoming year. Ken will follow up on this item.

A reminder that a revision date needs to be added at the end of the Covenant reflecting changes.

## Parish Survey

The survey was reviewed, discussed and amended. Ken will send the updated version to council. It is anticipated that this survey will be sent to parishioners with the Time, Talent and Treasure forms in June as well as an opportunity to share on-line with a return requested by the end of June.

Closing Prayer: Mary Ann

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Goldie Rogers

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7 pm

### **Action Steps:**

On-line Bulletin Board – tabled until the April Meeting – **Fr Bob**

Changes in Recording Secretary responsibility in Covenant – **Ken**

List of goals and accomplishments from Parish Committees – **Mary Ann and Carol**

Updated Survey for April Meeting - **Ken**