

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2023

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

Member	Status
Russell D’Costa	Present
Martin Fienkeng	Excused
Laura Glaudemans	Present
Cathy Hanks	Present
Greg Jolissaint	Present
Bill Judy	Present
Gina Maclean (P)	Present
Lorraine Miano-Fike (VP)	Present
Martin Mullan (RS)	Present
Mary Peroutka	Present
Jeananne Sciabarra	Present
Julie Winpisinger (CS)	Present

Others in attendance

Clergy	
Msgr. John Dietzenbach	Pastor
Fr. Scott Kady	Associate Pastor
Committees	
Cathy Hanks	Liturgy
Peggy Gessler	Social Justice
Lorraine Miano-Fike	Events Under the Tent
Invited Guest	
Paul Venginickal	Member-elect

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Gina Maclean, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer: Greg Jolissaint said an opening prayer.
3. Roll Call/Quorum: Martin Mullan determined that a quorum was present.
4. Minutes: The meeting minutes of the previous meeting on the 10th of April were approved between meetings via e-mail. This new process allowed the minutes to be posted to the Pastoral Council website sooner, thereby making them available to all parishioners sooner.

5. Pastor's report:

- a. Vision 2020 Construction. Construction is progressing nicely. We are thankful for the continued good weather.
 - i. Most of the recent work has been inside (plumbing and electrical).
 - ii. The roof and insulation around the new main entrance have been installed.
 - iii. New arches in the ceiling have been installed.
 - iv. New steel has been installed on the inside of the existing West wall. These are the new roof supports.
 - v. Removal of two of the existing roof (T-shaped) supports will be accomplished in June (after the school year is completed).
 - vi. Pledges. We have not had many new pledges, so we are planning to start a new collection in June. We are also planning to start accepting donations for the dedication of specific elements within the new church in September.
 - Greg Jolissaint asked if the parish was tracking the status of pledges. Several members stated that the status of an individual pledge could be ascertained in FaithDirect.
 - vii. Holy Water Font. Three separate artisans in Baltimore will be collaborating on this structure.
- b. Annual Appeal. We have met the goal set by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Our parish will get to keep a percentage of those donations that exceed the goal.
- c. School Facilities issues. We've had a broken sewer pipe, problems with the A/C, and problems with a chiller. New issue is with keeping the three lanes in front of the school. RSPS Principal wants to keep these as they facilitate the traffic surge associated with student drop-off and pick-up. The elimination of the planned peninsulas in the parking lane would require revisions to drawings and those would cost an estimated \$10K.
- d. First Communion/Confirmations/ACTS Retreats
 - i. First Communions:
 - were made at Resurrection on Saturday, 29 April;
 - will be made at St. Paul on Saturday, 06 May.
 - ii. Bishop Adam Parker will do Confirmations on Saturday, 13 May, from 10am to 12 pm, at St. Paul.

- iii. ACTS Retreats:
 - Women’s Retreat will be 18 – 21 May;
 - Men’s Retreat will be 8 – 11 June.
- e. Parish Finances/Budget: Our parish budget will be presented to the Pastoral Council next month.
- f. National Eucharistic Revival/National Eucharistic Congress. Peggy and Dan Gahagan have graciously agreed to function as our parish representatives.
- g. Census. We will be administering our annual census sometime in May.
- h. Maryland Attorney General’s Report.
 - i. The Archdiocese of Baltimore may fight the constitutionality of the recent change to Maryland law which established different limits for lawsuits against public and private institutions. These limits are \$890K for public institutions and \$1.5M for private institutions.
 - ii. Any pending or new lawsuits may take years to run their course and could eventually require our Archdiocese to declare bankruptcy.
 - iii. The pastor reported having had only two inquiries regarding this AG report. He had anticipated more. One was about the prospect of conducting listening sessions. He stated that he was not inclined to conduct listening sessions unless the demand for them is more evident since we had held multiple sessions at the parish when the report from Pennsylvania was released several years ago.
 - iv. At the meeting with the Archbishop on 11 April, other priests reported a similar lack of inquiries.
 - v. The pastor stated that any further inquiries can and should be referred to the Archdiocese POC: Christian Kendzierski.
 - vi. During the subsequent discussion, Gina Maclean suggested that the people who wanted to leave the Church already did so. Lorraine Miano-Fike said that there was not much that was new in the report. Greg Jolissaint stated that he couldn’t tell what was just an allegation and what had been substantiated (as a result of the investigation).
- i. Happy Helper’s Award. Resurrection has partnered with Happy Helpers for the Homeless for many years. The pastor shared news that our parish had received an award called the “You Make A Difference” award at a recent gala.

6. President's Report:

- a. Pastoral Council Election. The election was conducted online from 24 – 30 April and at Masses on 29/30 April.
 - i. Newly elected (or re-elected) members were: Paul Reif, Carolyn Sherman, Lorraine Miano-Fike, and Paul Venginickal.
 - ii. Three members who have successfully completed their terms on the Council will be departing next month: Cathy Hanks, Russell D'Costa, and Jeananne Sciabarra.
 - iii. Jeananne Sciabarra (Election Subcommittee Chair) provided a summary of the voting for 2023: 491 in-person votes and 201 online votes for a total of 691 votes; the total number of votes is nearly identical to last year (2022) but there was a significant increase in the online category (with about three times as many votes made online compared to 2022).
 - iv. Lessons Learned: We could use some additional help to speed up the distribution of ballots during Mass. The election subcommittee needs to engage early with the Liturgy Committee to setup a process that is acceptable to the Head Ushers at each Mass.
 - v. Mary Peroutka suggested that Council members who intend to run for re-election should declare early.
- b. Scheduling of the Pastoral Council Installation Mass. We discussed a few options for the installation Mass: Saturday, the 3rd of June; or Sunday, the 4th of June; or Saturday, the 10th of June; or Sunday, the 11th of June. Because this will involve the newly-elected members, Gina Maclean took an action to conduct a survey to decide which date would work for the most members.
- c. Major events steering committee. Mimi Arsenault is working on putting together a steering committee to start the planning for our parish 50th Anniversary and the dedication of our new church in 2024.
- d. Councilor After Mass (CAM).
 - i. CAM Feedback. No members had any CAM feedback from parishioners to report. Mary Peroutka observed that the videos and photos of the construction progress in Resurrection Connections were keeping parishioners well-informed (so members were getting fewer inquiries).
 - ii. CAM Coverage. Gina Maclean asked scheduling an additional CAM to assist with the closing of any open tent flaps after both the 5 pm and 11:30 am Masses. Cathy Hanks suggested that we continue to ask for help from the congregation.

Fr. Scott said he would add this to the CAM announcements. Another member reported that Cindy Desrochers intended to attach the appropriate directions directly to the tent flaps. With the implementation of these measures, the Council decided to continue scheduling only one CAM per Mass.

- e. Events Under the Tent Update (Lorraine Miano-Fike). Lorraine reviewed the complete schedule for these events; recent and upcoming events include the following:
 - i. We had about 150 people attend the International Dinner supporting the SSSMILE Village Initiative on the 28th of April. This event was co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Social Justice Committee.
 - ii. May event on the 19th of May will be sponsored by the Open Arms Ministry. There will be activities in the tent from 7 – 8 pm, followed by a performance by the Music Ministry (led by Dr. Stephen Lay) in the Chapel at 8 pm. This is the same night as the Holy Hour for the Women’s ACTS Retreat (which will be held at St. Paul) so the ~40 women on retreat (team and retreatants) and the participants at the Holy Hour will not be available.
 - iii. On Friday, the 16th of June, our BSA scout troop will be conducting a “Rain gutter Regatta” at 6:30 pm, co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
 - iv. We are planning to take off July and August.
 - v. Lorraine took an action to send the complete schedule to Gina Maclean for her to send to the whole Council.
 - vi. Fr. Scott asked if any of the events have been so successful that they should be repeated next year. Lorraine responded with an enthusiastic YES! She gave several examples: Trunk or Treat; Cocoa & Caroling; and the SSSMILE Village Benefit Dinner.
 - vii. Laura Gludemans suggested that the Fellowship Committee should consider taking over the responsibility of running the Events Under the Tent. The pastor said that the Fellowship Committee should ask themselves what they want to do. Cathy Hanks said that Fellowship would have a major new task to run the coffee lounge and potentially resume receptions after funerals once the new spaces are completed. Julie Winpisinger suggested that Fellowship (and any other ministry) could be doing some recruiting at the events in the tent. Peggy Gessler asked Lorraine if recruiting could be added to her checklist for these events. Lorraine agreed.

- viii. Lorraine said that she would be willing to run the Events Under the Tent for another year. She encouraged members of the Council to show up!
- ix. Mary Peroutka asked if we could schedule the dates of all of the events for the year. Lorraine said yes, but suggested that we would need to be flexible on some months.
- x. Mary Peroutka suggested that we should bring these events into the new building (meaning to continue them through the transition from the tent to the new building).
- f. Pastorate Picnic. Our Pastorate Picnic will be held on Sunday, the 10th of September, from 1 – 5 pm, at Mary's Land Farm. Funding is expected to come from a 50-50 raffle, a basket raffle, and free-will donations. There will be games for all ages. Intent is to get as many ministries as possible to participate by delegating some of the responsibilities to each, e.g., we hope to get Youth Ministry to run some of the games.
- g. By-law update (Russell D'Costa). Our By-laws have not been amended since May of 2012 and our Constitution has not been amended since November 2009. The Constitution is just 4 pages and the by-laws are just 10 pages. If we were to aim to review and comment on just 5 pages per month, we could be done in three months. Gina Maclean (President) asked Russell if he would be willing to lead the effort (despite his imminent departure from the Council). Russell agreed.
- h. Eastertide Lay Reflections (Cathy Hanks). Cathy reported that the Liturgy Committee has filled all of the slots for these reflections. They will probably not do these reflections next year. They will probably wait a few years to do them again.
- i. St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP). Cathy Hanks reported the results of her research into the poor box donations for SVDP: although the collection amounts vary by month throughout the year, the collections have remained essentially the same year over year. The physical donations have decreased, but the electronic donations have similarly increased.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Social Justice (Peggy Gessler): SVDP is actively assisting 50 – 60 families this year. Last year, that number was about 30. SVDP has a great reputation in our area and all of the clients are local. SVDP has requested a greater allocation of poor box collections: they are currently assigned 24 poor box collections per year but are requesting an additional 4 for a total of 28 poor box collections per year.

- i. Gina Maclean (President) requested a recommendation from the Social Justice Committee regarding which ministries should receive a reduced allocation of poor box collections.
 - ii. Peggy Gessler said that SVDP wants to show their numbers, including incoming and outgoing monies, in the bulletin (as the pastor previously suggested).
 - iii. Speaking as one who works at SVDP, Mary Peroutka said that our SVDP sends out ~\$5K per week in assistance!
 - b. Fellowship Committee is planning to host “Coffee and Donuts” after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses on Sunday, 07 May.
 - c. RSPS PTA Representative (Stephanie West): Bag Bingo is on the 5th of May. There will be another “Restaurant Night” (fundraiser for the school) at Chipotle on the 16th of May.
8. Additional items:
- a. Martin Fienkeng has coordinated with Stephen Lay to arrange for a Pastoral Council e-mail account: PCouncil@res-ec.org. This is the key first step to using the parish sharepoint for file storage.
 - b. Greg Jolissaint reported the winners of the Knights of Columbus high school scholarships (\$1,500 each): Abigail Kehoe, Julianna Orange, and Max Wiesznewski. These scholarships will be presented on Mother’s Day (Sunday, May 14th).
9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Gina Maclean led our closing prayer and adjourned our meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martin Mullan.

Next regular meeting—June 5th