

Church of the Resurrection & St. Paul Parish Pastorate  
 Joint Pastoral Council Meeting  
 October 2, 2023

**Joint Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Resurrection PC Voting Members		Others in attendance	
<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	
Martin Fienkeng	P	Msgr. John Dietzenbach	Pastor - P
Laura Glaudemans	Ex	Father Paul Kongnyuy	Assoc Pastor - P
Greg Jolissaint (RS)	P	<u>Committees</u>	
Bill Judy	P		
Gina Maclean (P)	P		
Lorraine Miano-Fike (VP)	Ex		
Martin Mullan (CS)	P	<u>Invited Guests</u>	
Mary Peroutka	P	Stephanie West	HSA -- P
Paul Reif	P		
Carolyn Sherman	P	<b>Ryan Hellem</b>	<b>RSPS School Principal</b>
Paul Venginickal	P	<b>Emma Santucci</b>	<b>RSPS Vice Principal</b>
Julie Winpisinger	P		

1. Call to Order: The Pastoral Council President called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
2. Opening Prayer: The Opening Prayer was provided by Paul Venginickal
3. Greeting and Opening Comments:  
 A greeting was provided by Gina Maclean, the Resurrection PC President and Meeting Host. Opening comments were provided by both the Resurrection and St. Paul PC Presidents (Gina Maclean and Michael Mayforth [Acting St. Paul PC President])
4. PC Roll call/Quorum (Church of the Resurrection)  
 Greg Jolissaint informed the Resurrection PC President that she had a Quorum of Resurrection PC Voting Members physically present for the meeting
5. PC Roll call/Quorum (St. Paul Catholic Church)  
 Heather Matthews conducted a Roll Call of St. Paul PC Voting Members and determined a quorum was present.
6. Approval of September minutes
  - a. The Resurrection PC reviewed and approved their September PC minutes electronically prior to the meeting.

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b. St. Paul PC approved their September minutes by an affirmative voice vote.

7. Pastor's Report

Msgr. John Dietzenbach provided his Pastor's Report for Church of the Resurrection. He stated Deacon George would supplement his report with respect to St. Paul.

Prior to beginning his report, Father John informed the group that he would be undergoing cataract surgery on October 24 and November 7. His availability will be limited on these days.

a. Vision 2020 Construction and Fundraising Update:

- \*the construction crew is busy adding drywall to the Coffee Bar area
- \*the Apse on the Western Wall will be closed in starting this week
- \*the arch windows on the Western Wall will also begin soon
- \*December 1 is goal for closing all openings prior to Winter
- \*a new electrical panel box should be installed by the end of October. This will allow full installation of the new HVAC system
- \*updated Vision 2020 Request letters were mailed to parishioners 2 weeks ago; \$170K of new money has been pledged so far
- \*in 2 weeks, Father John will publicize items for memorialization
- \*based on the current "burn rate," the Vision 2020 checkbook will run out of money by the end of October; the final loan amount will be set at the time we run out of money
- \*construction tours led by Father John are occurring on Tuesdays and Fridays. Following a discussion during this PC Meeting, Father John said he would add some Sunday dates. Parishioners can sign-up to participate on the Resurrection website; new dates will be added as construction progresses (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> have already been added)
- \*the Resurrection Pastoral Council participates in the tours, then hosts a light refreshments reception in the Pastoral Center following the completion of the tour.

b. St. Paul Update

- \*All Souls Day is on November 2<sup>nd</sup> -- at 7pm, the families of those who have passed since the previous All Souls Day will be recognized
- \*there will be a Veterans Day Mass on November 10<sup>th</sup>
- \*a new Security System will be installed before Christmas (FEMA grant) – all buildings will be covered
- \*the HVAC system in the Evangelization Center broke down in August (\$159K is the current estimate for repairs). This is an unplanned expense that is not covered by a warranty or insurance.

c. Archdiocese Bankruptcy Update

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\*the Archdiocese of Baltimore Chapter 11 Reorganization explanation letter was read at Resurrection Masses

\*FAQs have been posted at both the Resurrection Pastoral Center and at St. Paul Church.

\*Pastoral Projects won't be affected. Restricted donations and operations dollars will also not be affected.

\*Parishes in the Archdiocese are not going under Chapter 11 Reorganization, but they can go under an umbrella with the archdiocese (but it will require a financial investment by participating parishes)

d. New archdiocesan confirmation policy

\*the goal is to make the process more family oriented

\*the updated policy will lower the Confirmation age to 9yo

\*some parishes will pilot the new policy next year

\*the remaining parishes will adopt the new policy the following year

e. Eucharistic Congress

\*the Congress is scheduled for next summer (July) in Indianapolis, IN

\*a pilgrimage/Eucharistic Procession will proceed from the 4 corners of the United States to Indianapolis; the Pilgrimage/Procession beginning in New Haven, CT, is scheduled to be in DC and Baltimore Area June 7-9.

8. Resurrection – St. Paul School update

\*Ryan Hellem, RSPS Principal, and Emma Santucci, RSPS Vice Principal, provided the updated

\*they used a new Knott-funded multimedia board for their presentation

\*RSPS has 508 students enrolled Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade; these students are from 34 zip codes

\*Ellicott City and Catonsville represents the largest group of students/families

\*35% of students are from the families of registered Resurrection parishioners

\*15% of students are from the families of registered St. Paul parishioners

\*\$8485 is the annual tuition

\*RSPS has experienced enrollment growth over the past 3 years (<400 to now 508)

\*Pre-K tuition is higher due to child care requirements

\*non-Catholic tuition is ~\$1000 higher

\*why should anyone choose RSPS for their child's education? Catholic Identity; Faith and Service; the same values taught at home are taught in school; academic excellence; STEM School; House System (Family-feeling)

\*RSPS emphasizes Faith, Service, and Stewardship

\*RSPS emphasizes academic excellence: Class of 2023 had 100% acceptance in their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice High Schools, and RSPS had 1 Knott Scholar (which provides a 4-year full tuition scholarship to Catholic High School)

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\*the RSPS STEM Program was briefly described, emphasizing innovation, technology, 3D printers, a laser engraver, lego robotics, and the RSPS chromebook program for students

\*the Artists and Residents Program was also described, with pictures demonstrating the murals created by RSPS students

\*Ryan and Emma also noted the Northbay environmental education field day during the STEM description

\*the RSPS House System was described – there are 8 houses but 1 family (K-8); “Saints in Training” (PK)

\*the House System is designed to reinforce RSPS values, Catholic identity, and character building; it provides a “culture of belonging” for all students (bonding, friendships, mentoring for all grades); it engenders healthy competition; it reinforces positive behavior and academic achievement

\*Ryan and Emma also showed the new RSPS Crest (made up of the 8 house crests)

\*Ryan and Emma then described some physical campus updates: new playground equipment; PK play area enclosed with new turf area. Pictures of the upgraded playground equipment and the PK play areas were shown

\*race for education will be conducted October 5<sup>th</sup> – proceeds help bridge the gap between tuition and cost of education

\*Father John complemented Ryan and Emma because RSPS experienced 100% retention of teachers this year

\*events for participation/support by parishioners – “Boots and Bling” Gala event March 23<sup>rd</sup>

9. Res-St. Paul Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Update

\*update provided by Mary Peroutka, a frequent SVDP Volunteer

\*NOTE: Mary Peroutka led a tour of the SVDP Office and Pantry at 6:45pm, prior to the Joint PC Meeting

\*Peggy Nieberding is stepping down as President following many, many years of faithful service to SVDP.

\*the SVDP has a new database which makes client engagement easier and more efficient

\*SVDP continues to welcome the donation of groceries

\*Thanksgiving will be different this year – those in need can come for food, but SVDP will also be seeking money for gift cards so that those in need can buy their own food (there is great ethnic diversity in Howard County, and the foods eaten to celebrate this US Holiday are often the traditional Thanksgiving foods)

\*During previous years, 40 families per month were helped with food and/or money.

\*Now 80 families per month are helped on average (food, rent, utilities, etc.)

\*SVDP has 5-6 volunteers per day, 3 days per week, 3-4 hours per day (18 total volunteers)

\*SVDP is always looking for volunteers and is always willing to accept money

10. Presidents’ Reports, PC Member Announcements

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\*Martin Mullan announced the beginning of Rescue Project v2.0 starting at St. Paul on Tuesdays at 6:30pm; similar to the first time, it will be a Small Group Format that includes the “breaking of bread” during the meeting; it will also include an Acts XXIX Video followed by a discussion; it will be an 8-week journey

\*The Resurrection PC President announced that the Youth Ministry will be hosting Bag/Basket Bingo November 3<sup>rd</sup> – they are seeking donations of gift baskets from Pastorate Organizations; Mary Peroutka took the lead to collect \$\$ for a Resurrection PC basket; Heather Matthews took the lead for St. Paul; baskets should be turned in to Laura Kemp by October 23<sup>rd</sup>

\*Renovated Church Dedication Mass – the Dedication Mass for Resurrection Church is scheduled for Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>; Archbishop Lori will be the primary Celebrant for the Mass; it will be followed by a Reception in the Hall; Mary Reif is taking over as Fellowship Committee Chair at the end of the month and will work closely with Carolyn Sherman (the PC lead for the post-dedication Reception); the Liturgy Committee has responsibility for the Dedication Mass; Greg Jolissaint will ask for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Color Guard for the Mass; Resurrection’s Knights can also help the PC with the reception in the Hall

\*the Resurrection 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration will be held sometime in the 2023-2024 timeframe. There will be no attempt to combine it with the Dedication Mass.

\*St. Paul announced that Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mt. St. Joe’s

\*Spring Joint PC retreat – the meeting participants discussed the Spring Joint PC Retreat. Following the discussion, the Joint PC attendees decided that we should have a retreat; the next retreat needs to have an increase in “spirituality” compared to the previous retreat; the retreat can be conducted at the same location (St. Anthony’s Shrine in Ellicott City); Timing will be challenging due to Easter Sunday being March 31, 2024 (but we do need to settle on a date); a joint committee will be formed to plan the retreat

\*Fall Festival – RSPS is interested in participating, if it is conducted; the St. Paul PC has not discussed it seriously yet, but they are interested; the Resurrection PC is also interested in doing it; need one person to take the lead; dates need to be established quickly; need to deconflict dates with Mount Hebron HS Homecoming; more to follow...

\*Pastorate Picnic Feedback – Maria Grove discussed how it was a very successful picnic; it was a nice way to meld 2 parishes in a neutral location; there was a great planning effort by Andrea Marthinuss and Lorraine Miano-Fike; Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 are both available for the next Pastorate Picnic – in consideration of the Men’s ACTS Retreat ending

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on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the joint PC meeting attendees selected June 9<sup>th</sup> for the next Pastorate Picnic (and to conduct a farewell for Father John at the same time).

**\*Events Under the Tent**

\*the “annual” Italian Dinner this conducted this past Friday night. There were over 200 attendees, plus a bunch of Knights who volunteered to ensure success. This was the largest crowd yet for an Event Under the Tent

\*the Resurrection PC, Resurrection Knights of Columbus, and the Resurrection Cub Scouts are co-hosting a Trunk or Treat on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> – start time is 6:30pm in the Parking Lot

\*Stephanie West and the HSA are potentially interested in hosting a movie night on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> --

\*December 1<sup>st</sup> – there will be Caroling and Cocoa

CAM Follow-up – a parishioner had a question about the prayer for Peace in Ukraine no longer being included in the Prayers of the Faithful on Sundays; the prayer for Peace in Ukraine was actually added back to the Prayers of the Faithful last Sunday

Having no further business, a motion was made and seconded to Adjourn. The motion was approved.

The Resurrection PC President closed the meeting in prayer

***The Next regular meeting of the Resurrection PC will be conducted November 6, 2023***

These minutes were electronically approved by the Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council during the week of October 15-21.