

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

Member	Status
Mathilda Fienkeng	Absent
Faith Fiocco	Present
Laura Glaudemans (P)	Present
Cathy Hanks	Present
Roy Harris	Present
Gina Maclean (VP)	Present
Lorraine Miano-Fike	Present
Martin Mullan (RS)	Present
Mary Peroutka	Present
Mary Reif	Present
Jeananne Sciabarra	Present
Julie Winpisinger (CS)	Present

Others in attendance

Clergy	
Msgr. John Dietzenbach	Pastor
Fr. Scott Kady	Associate Pastor
Parish Staff	
Dr. Stephen Lay	Director of Music
Cindy Desrochers	Office Manager
Kate Kleintank	Dir of Adult Faith Formation
Committees	
David Johnson	Development
Cathy Hanks	Liturgy
Mimi Arsenault	Fellowship
Other representatives and invited guests	
Stephanie West	Home-School Assoc. Liaison
Diane Gibbons-Lesko	LGBTQ+ Ministry

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Laura Glaudemans, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and offered the opening prayer.
2. Roll Call/Quorum: Recording Secretary, Martin Mullan, determined that a quorum was present.
3. Minutes: The June minutes were approved.
4. Pastor's report:
 - a. Vision 2020: Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) construction cannot proceed until BGE moves an electric line that is interfering. We are unable to schedule this move; BGE will supposedly proceed when their schedule allows. If anyone knows someone at BGE, perhaps they could catalyze some progress! This construction was previously estimated to cost ~\$500K; current estimate is ~\$600K.
 - b. Vision 2020: Church construction estimate has increased by ~\$3M, mostly due to increased cost of construction materials. This estimate is about a month old and may have coincided with the peak of construction material costs. We will probably get another estimate and can anticipate that it will be lower (but the estimate itself costs money too). We may consider reducing costs by deleting some of the extra rooms and/or the basement storage.

- c. Vision 2020: Overall cost was previously estimated at ~\$14M; current estimate is ~\$17M; we have ~\$11M in pledges. Some of the cost can be mortgaged, but a new campaign will likely be needed.
- d. RSPS Update: School masses are limited to 50% due to COVID social distancing. Kids won't be attending Friday morning Mass (as they have in the past) because of COVID restrictions.
- e. Clean-up Day: 25 Sep, 10 AM to 2 PM; looking for volunteers to help, need to remove weeds in the front of the school. Also need a volunteer to tend the garden.
- f. Facilities: Need replacements for Ron Dempsey and Ron Lilley. Meeting with possible replacement on Tuesday, 14 Sep.
- g. Chapel: New chairs are installed. Using chapel for adoration and small events (e.g., funerals) only because we cannot yet accommodate the usual number of daily Mass attendees (~100 people) given COVID restrictions. May designate time for school adoration to avoid co-mingling.

5. Vision 2020 Update:

- a. Cathy Hanks provided a highly-detailed status report on the planning for the church and school portions of the Vision 2020 construction project. The bottom line is that the project is on track with respect to all of the big items. There are many parishioners involved as senior advisors and members of separate committees which are focused on the project design, structure, security, and audio-visual details.
- b. One goal of the project is to permit the use of the multi-purpose (MP) rooms while school is on-going. The plan accomplishes this goal by adding a door at the middle of the MP room hallway.
- c. The main entrance to the church will be the South side. The lobby located inside this entrance can be used for receptions and will include a Coffee Lounge.
- d. The existing kitchen is not part of the Vision 2020 project because changing anything in the kitchen would require an expensive recertification. Some modifications to the kitchen are likely to be made after Vision 2020 has been completed.
- e. The trash dumpsters will be moved to the far-side of the South Parking Lot. Project plans include a "trash holding area" where trash can be staged prior to its removal (to the dumpsters).
- f. The cafeteria will have a stage located directly beneath the new apse.
- g. Storage areas (beneath the existing patio) will be accessible from the outside via a separate door.
- h. From the main entrance (on the lower level) churchgoers will proceed upstairs to the Gathering Space which will feature the cross that is presently situated above our choir area in the church.
- i. The Gathering Space will be adjacent to the Nave and Sanctuary, i.e., the main worship space.
- j. The three rooms on the South side of the church/Nave will remain as they are but will be reallocated
- k. A "hybrid organ" is "in the works"
- l. A new room, located on the Northwest corner of the church/Nave, is intended to be used by brides prior to their weddings and bereaved family members prior to funerals. As one of his final official acts prior to his departure, Fr. Tyler Kline dubbed this new room the "Holy Family Room". It will indeed include statues of the holy family.
- m. The North entrance to the church will have steps and a ramp (for wheelchair access).

- n. The three link doors (on the North side of the church) will stay.
- o. We will be losing one MP room, but there will be lots of other options for meetings:
 - i. One new room on the lower level off of the Hall/cafeteria
 - ii. One new Church Conference room on the upper level off of the church/Nave
 - iii. The new “Holy Family Room” (described above)
 - iv. The Coffee Lounge on the lower level
 - v. The Gathering Space on the upper level
- p. Our by-then restored stained-glass windows from St. Brigid will go on the West wall on either side of the sanctuary
- q. The Resurrection stained-glass window will go above the main entrance to the church on the South side of the Gathering Space
- r. The new Nave should hold about 800 people. The capacity of the current church is about 900 people. Fr. John does not consider this a big issue.
- s. There will be many (18?) double-wide spots located throughout the church to accommodate people in wheelchairs (or scooters).
- t. There will be two large monitors/screens for the congregation mounted on the West wall on either side of the sanctuary; two additional small monitors/screens for the priests (to see what’s on the congregation’s monitors/screens) will be located in the back of the church.

6. LGBTQ+ Ministry

- a. Diane Gibbons-Lesko provided a history and status of our LGBTQ+ Ministry, now called “Open Arms”, which is a unique, pilot program within the Archdiocese of Baltimore.
- b. This ministry had its unofficial start approximately two-years ago (right after the sex abuse scandal)
- c. Fr. John formed a committee to guide the pilot program and they have been working with Edward Herrera, who is the director of marriage and family life for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.
- d. The committee has created a presentation on the “Open Arms” Ministry which includes Mission and Vision statements
- e. Diane presented that briefing to the Pastoral Council. Quoting from the “Open Arms” presentation:
 - i. Who we are: Open Arms is a group of family members, allies, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. We seek to be a safe space where people may honestly and safely share their stories while confirming and respecting the teaching of the Roman Catholic church.
 - ii. MISSION - What we believe - Our vision is to accompany sexual and gender minorities, their families, and friends, on their faith journey through prayer, dialogue, hospitality, and support.
 - iii. Why we exist:
 - The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of a human person is the foundation for a moral vision for society.

- We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops “Life and Dignity of the Human Person”]
- As Catholics we believe that all people are created [in the image] of God. We welcome sexual and gender minorities with compassion, sensitivity, and respect.
- c. Open Arms encourages parishioners to share their personal stories as a way of identifying common ground, improving understanding of issues, and figuring out which direction the ministry should go next.
- d. As an illustration of this powerful idea, Mary Peroutka provided a personal testimony.
- e. Mary Peroutka also talked about a group of mothers in the pastorate, called the “Monicas”, who gather to pray together for their children who have left the church. Mary suggested that there should be more parents praying in this sort of group because there are so many children who have left the church. Mary said (later): “We are losing the future [of our Church].”
- f. There was much discussion about Diane’s presentation and Mary’s story.
- g. Fr. John said: “We cannot change the Church teachings but we can change the WAY we teach.”
- h. In the course of the following discussion, Diane mentioned that Fr Matt Buening, former pastor at Saint Paul, now pastor at St Matthew, was assigned by Archbishop Lori to be the "Director of LGBTQ+ Ministry" for the Archdiocese.
- i. Dave Johnson suggested: “We need to identify those phrases that offend and not use them.”
- j. Lorraine Miano-Fike described two objectives of this ministry: (1) Help family members live their faith to love each other (facilitate sharing); and (2) Explore ways to help our parishioners.
- k. Jeananne Sciabarra introduced the motion: “For Fr. John and members of this pilot committee to take this presentation to the Archdiocese with the full support of this Council so this ministry can be continued.”
- l. The motion was readily seconded. The issue was put to a vote. All members present voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.
- m. Fr. John will take the presentation to the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

7. President’s report:

- a. Julie Winpisinger built our Signup Genius for CAM (Councilor After Mass) duties and sent out a link to the members of the Pastoral Council. Christmas Masses should not be included.
- b. Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Pastoral Council from Saint Paul. That meeting will be held here at Resurrection in the Hall. Possible speakers are Ryan Hellem (new principal of RSPS) and the Adult Faith and Youth Ministry Leaders.

8. Fall Festival Update.

- a. Lorraine Miano-Fike provided a status update on the plans for the Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, 16 October 2021, from 10 AM to 4 PM.
- b. The website went LIVE today! See <https://www.communityfallfestival.com>

- c. Please mention our Fall Festival to your neighbors and on Facebook (or other social media)
- d. As stated on the website: “For everyone's wellbeing, COVID safety precautions will be observed.”
- e. There are LOTS of opportunities for volunteers. All volunteers should check-in at the Volunteer Table to receive your Name Tag and station location. Mary Peroutka commented that we ought to be prepared for fewer volunteers (due to COVID).
- f. Pastoral Councils of both Resurrection and Saint Paul will have a separate Signup Genius for ticket sales. There will be two ticket tables. We want to have three people at each table. Cindy Desrochers has already created this signup and Lorraine will forward the link to the Pastoral Council members.

9. Home-School Association (HSA) Update

- a. Stephanie West provided a quick update on school matters.
- b. We are having a “Restaurant Night” (fund-raiser for the school) on 24 Sep 2021 at EC Diner; details have been sent to Stephen Lay for advertisement.
- c. Masks for students: Color code was RED but now it’s ORANGE (so the trend is good) and it will need to be YELLOW in order to take the masks off.

10. Fellowship Committee Update.

- a. Mimi Arsenault provided a quick update on the fellowship committee matters.
- b. We held coffee and doughnuts in the Hall after the 0930 Mass on Sunday, 12 Sep 2021 (this was our first event of this sort since COVID started). Despite not having an announcement made at Mass, we had about 70 people participate and we took in enough to cover the costs.
- c. Because we cannot pickup the doughnuts any earlier, we can only do this event after the 0930 Mass.
- d. Because of COVID restrictions, it involves more labor than usual. For instance, each doughnut needs to be placed on an individual plate and the coffee accoutrements need to be situated on every table.

11. Adjournment – Our meeting closed in an atypical fashion because we needed to recognize our Pastoral Council President (Laura Glaudemans) on her birthday. We sang (brilliantly), gave her a card (signed by all who were present), and consumed cupcakes (in her honor). The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martin W. Mullan

Next regular meeting—October 4th – Joint Meeting with St. Paul’s