

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

Member	Status
Russell D’Costa	Present
Martin Fienkeng	Present
Laura Glaudemans	Present
Cathy Hanks	Absent
Greg Jolissaint	Present
Bill Judy	Absent
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
Committees	
Lorraine Miano-Fike	Events Under the Tent
Newly Elected Members	
Paul Reif	Present
Carolyn Sherman	Present
Paul Venginickal	Present
Invited Guests	
Judy Comiskey	Accounting
Chris Hannon	Finance
Christine Lederer	Accounting

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Gina Maclean, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer: Mary Peroutka 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 1st of May 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. New Associate Pastor. Deacon Paul Kongnyuy, who is to be ordained to the priesthood on June 24th, is expected to assume his duties as our new associate pastor on July 1st. Our current associate pastor, Fr. Scott Kady, is being reassigned as Administrator to Divine Mercy Parish in Frostburg as of July 1st. Parishioners will have a chance to say farewell to Fr. Scott after each Mass at Resurrection on Father's Day (June 18th).
- b. Vacation Bible School (VBS). VBS is scheduled in June at St. Paul where we are expecting ~50 children and at Resurrection in July where we are expecting ~100 children. We are seeking 100+ volunteers to run VBS.
- c. Resurrection – St. Paul School (RSPS). The last day of school is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th.
- d. ACTS Retreat. The next Men's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for 8 – 11 June. There are 11 retreatants and 18 team registered for this retreat.
- e. Vision 2020 Construction. The first "T" is scheduled to be removed from the church roof on Tuesday, June 13th.
- f. Parish Budget. Christine Lederer and Judy Comiskey provided an overview of the revised FY-2024 parish budget including expected income, estimated expenses, and the justification for each proposed revision (from the initial FY-24 request). They also addressed a number of questions on the budget. The council subsequently voted unanimously to recommend the pastor's approval of the budget as submitted.
- g. Finances. Chris Hannon led a discussion about the parish finances and offered his expert opinion regarding the forecasted ability of our parish to afford the mortgage associated with the Vision 2020 construction project.
 - i. Our income is approximately 8% below budget (based upon the December 2022 budget). This is somewhat better than the Archdiocese of Baltimore as a whole which is down approximately 13%.
 - ii. Vision 2020 construction was delayed by floods, then delayed by a moratorium on all construction in the county, then delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The cost of the project has exploded due to inflation.

- iii. For these reasons, the parish needs to raise additional funds for Vision 2020 and will commence special collections at Masses for this purpose. The first of these collections will occur on Father's Day (June 18th).
- iv. Our parish needs to raise approximately \$6M more for Vision 2020.
- v. Our parish qualifies for a \$5.5M mortgage loan (a 10-year loan from the Archdiocese of Baltimore) but cannot afford it. The Archdiocese can make this loan more affordable by extending the term to 15-years.
- vi. Our parish could raise revenue by charging more for certain events (e.g., weddings and funerals).
- vii. We need to get more people to come back to church.
- viii. We need to identify parishioners who have stopped attending and/or contributing, and make contact in order to encourage them to do both.
- ix. We considered the possibility of renting out the new hall in order to generate income but, as the pastor reminded us, renting to anyone outside of the parish is tricky because our tax status may be jeopardized and there are other liability concerns.

6. President's Report:

- a. Welcome to New Members. The Council welcomed Paul Reif, Carolyn Sherman, and Paul Venginickal.
- b. Recognition of Departing Members. The Council presented each of our departing members (Cathy Hanks, Russell D'Costa, and Jeananne Sciabarra) with a small gift.
- c. Events Under the Tent (Lorraine Miano-Fike). The next event will be a "Raingutter Regatta" hosted by the Cub Scouts on Friday, June 16th. Immediately following, the Knights of Columbus will host an informal, pay-as-you-go Food Trucks Dinner in the tent. There is no event scheduled for July. We are scheduled to hold an event on the 25th of August, and it will be cosponsored by the Knights of Columbus and our Pastoral Council. Further details have not yet been determined.
- d. Pastorate Picnic (Lorraine Miano-Fike). Our pastorate will hold a picnic at Mary's Land Farm on Sunday, September 10th, from 1 – 5 p.m. This date and time coincide with the first Baltimore Ravens home football game. For this reason, the Council considered changing the date but decided to keep the date. Instead of changing the

date, the Council will investigate the possibility of showing the football game at the picnic site.

- e. Council Meetings During Summer. As a result of the financial report received at this meeting and the urgent need for the parish to raise money for the Vision 2020, the Council voted unanimously to continue to meet during the Summer months. The pastor is planning his vacation 8 – 22 July, so meetings were tentatively scheduled for June 26th and July 31st.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Social Justice (Jeananne Sciabarra): The Social Justice Committee would like to continue to include a prayer concerning gun violence in the Prayer of the Faithful.

8. Election of Officers:

- a. With the new members seated, the Council conducted elections to determine its new officers for the next year. The new Executive Board members are:
 - i. President: Gina Maclean
 - ii. Vice President: Lorraine Miano-Fike
 - iii. Recording Secretary: Greg Jolissaint
 - iv. Corresponding Secretary: Martin Mullan

- 9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Gina Maclean led our closing prayer and adjourned our meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martin Mullan.

*Next regular meeting—**June 26th***