

Church of the Resurrection  
 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
 Large Conference Room, Pastoral Center  
 March 4, 2024

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Martin Fienkeng	PV
Laura Glaudemans	P
Greg Jolissaint (RS)	P
Bill Judy	PV
Gina Maclean (P)	P
Lorraine Miano-Fike (VP)	P
Martin Mullan (CS)	P
Mary Peroutka	P
Paul Reif	P
Carolyn Sherman	P
Paul Venginickal	P
Julie Winpisinger	P

Others in attendance

<u>Clergy</u>	
Msgr. John Dietzenbach	Pastor - Ex
Father Paul	Associate Pastor - Ex
<u>Committees</u>	
Lorraine Miano-Fike	Events Under the Tent
Cathy Hanks	Liturgy - P
John Wilkin	Social Justice - P
Mary Reif	Fellowship - EX
<u>Invited Guests</u>	
Stephanie West	HSA - P

**Status Key:** P = Present; PV = Present Virtually; Ex = Excused Absence

**Also in attendance:** Cindy Desrochers, Pastoral Staff Manager; Stephen Lay, Music Director

1. Call to Order: The Pastoral Council President, Gina Maclean, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Meeting Timer: Paul Venginickal served as the timer for the PC Meeting.
3. Opening Prayer: Carolyn Sherman provided the opening prayer.
4. Roll Call/Quorum: Greg Jolissaint reported to the PC President that a quorum of PC members was present, so business could be conducted during the meeting.

5. Minutes: The February Pastoral Council meeting minutes were approved electronically between meetings via e-mail. The minutes were uploaded to the Church of the Resurrection website by Stephen Lay.
6. Pastor's report: the Pastor's Report was presented to the PC by Cathy Hanks since Msgr. John was on a pilgrimage in South America at the time of the PC Meeting.
  - a. **Church Dedication** – Cathy discussed multiple Dedication Ceremony details which included the following: the initial gathering of participants will be mostly in/near the tent; mobility challenged participants will be staged in the Gym or will be positioned near the main church door; there will be a procession from the Pastoral Center area to the church, followed by a ~1 ½ hour Mass. There will be seating limitations for the Mass: invited attendees and VIPs will be able to attend the Dedication Mass; volunteers and their families will also be able to attend; there will be standard “Protocol” seating since many clergy members and local VIPs have been invited to attend. Pastoral Council members will also receive invitations to attend.

Stephen Lay commented that he recommended making the Church Dedication an entire weekend of celebration so that all 1200 of our usual weekend Mass attendees can participate (NOTE: only ~600 people will be allowed to attend the Dedication Mass). A draft flyer has been created that embraces this “entire weekend of celebration” concept; Cindy and Stephen discussed having an Open House type atmosphere throughout the weekend. They also recommend inviting the entire pastorate and the RSPS if we have a weekend of celebration. These recommendations were welcomed by the PC.

- b. **Holy Thursday Mass** – Cathy reminded the PC that she is still looking for PC member volunteers for the Holy Thursday Mass Foot Washing. She said she would reach out again via email.
  - c. **Easter Weekend** – in addition to the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday at 8pm, there will be 4 Masses conducted on Easter Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and Noon. Resurrection Knights will once again providing “Safe Parking Management” for the 9am and 10:30am Services.
  - d. **Scrap Book Update** – historical documents continue to be found; ground-breaking ceremony pictures were discovered; Cathy and Helen Gross are still looking for more photographs.
7. President's Report:

- a. **HCPD Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC)** - Jim Happel sits on the CAC and made a CAC presentation to the PC. Jim started with an introduction – he joined Resurrection Parish in 1977 and is a previous PC member; his children attended RSPS. He then discussed the CAC. A CAC handout emphasizes the outreach activities performed by the HoCo Police Department. These activities include Security Assessments of HoCo homes and businesses; Threat Preparedness training for schools, churches (e.g. active shooter training and exercises). Jim told a story of Active Shooter exercises conducted in HoCo high schools (and the rapid response time of the Police even though they were not previously informed of the exercise). Jim then explained how this Outreach begins with leadership as an “introduction;” Jim said he is willing to offer an Open Discussion with the HoCo Police for Resurrection parishioners. Jim said he is also willing to offer a HoCo Police Security Assessment of the new Church and threat/security training for ushers and other volunteers. The HoCo Police currently conduct a “Coffee with a Cop” outreach activity, and Jim suggested we could invite them to an Open House in the Coffee Café/Hall to conduct a similar type of outreach activity. Jim will stay in touch with Cindy for the scheduling of the Church Security Assessment and the Threat Training for Pastoral Staff and Volunteers.

Lorraine liked the idea of creating a discussion forum for our parishioners; she also suggested the CAC/HoCo Police could have a tent or canopy for the upcoming Fall Fest (this suggestion was noted by Fall Fest planners).

Gina asked if the CAC and/or Police have a presentation for parents that discussed avoiding on-line predators? Jim said he would ask.

Cathy reminded the PC that the archdiocese has Force Protection training for church staff, weekend volunteers, and school staff.

Cindy iterated that she is currently working towards conducting a summertime training session for the Pastoral staff and church volunteers.

Greg discussed his recent visit with family in the Dallas, Texas area (and how many Texas churches have recognized “Guardians” who have “Wear and Carry Permits” and are trained to provide armed security during highly attended events (Masses; Social events; etc.). Greg’s visit occurred prior to the Mega Church shooting in the Houston area.

- b. **Committee/ministry reports** – Fellowship / Liturgy / Social Justice

Greg noted that Deacon Allen sent a request asking for SVdP Volunteers (for the purpose of conducting Home Visits and to work in the Food Pantry). Mary Peroutka discussed how volunteers for the SVdP are long-term commitment volunteers (not a one-and-done day of service Volunteers). Mary also described how the SVdP is trying to make sure they have the right people working in the Food Pantry and for Home Visits.

John Wilkin then discussed the Home Visits Ministry. He noted that 2 trained people are required for a Home Visit, and often it is 2 women who visit a man due to the inadequate number of trained male volunteers. However, John also added that these Home Visits have not yet started for the Resurrection SVdP Chapter – this program is still only in discussion phase. He did state that SVdP is indeed looking for Volunteers to receive community members at the Office.

Gina said she would circle back with Anne B and Deacon Allen since our Pastor has always stated that SVdP Volunteers should be invited to participate in this ministry.

John Wilkin then discussed how the Social Justice Committee needs additional members; he pondered the possibility of conducting an Open House in the Large CR at the end of April? It was noted that the SJC should participate in the Ministry Fair, whenever it is scheduled. He also stated the SJC is considering starting a Prayer Service for St. Mary's Parish.

**c. Events Under the Tent – March and April events update**

The Lenten Fish Friday was successful; congrats to Mary Reif, the Fellowship Committee, the Resurrection Knights of Columbus, the Men's Club, and the PC Members who participated and helped make it a successful evening.

Trivia Night is scheduled for Friday night March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The ACTS Community will host a Ceili on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The SSSMILE Village Dinner is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The RSPS Fun Run and events are scheduled for Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> and it will include multiple Food Trucks.

The Pastorate Picnic is scheduled for Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> at Mary's Land Farm (and it will include Msgr. John's Farewell).

And the Resurrection Knights will host the first Parish Social Event in the renovated Hall on Saturday night June 15<sup>th</sup> (more details will be provided at a later date).

**d. Joint Pastoral Council Retreat report**

Laura Gludemans provided a brief report on a very successful Joint Pastoral Council Retreat conducted on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Anthony's Shrine. It was a wonderful spiritual experience. Laura stated she enjoyed working with Mary Margaret Hague (St. Paul PC) during the planning of this retreat. She also thanked Father Paul who helped with confessions and concelebrated the Noon Mass. She briefly discussed Father Steve's

message of how “Lent is an event of the heart, not merely a calendar event.” The catered food was also excellent.

**e. Budget**

Gina provided the PC a copy of the current FY2024 budget and asked the PC to provide her feedback by Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> so that she could create a FY2025 Budget.

Cindy informed the PC that the Accounting team has asked all committees to consider increasing revenue in FY25. The PC could accept donations as one possible way of generating revenue. The Finance Council is also asking that expenses be decreased if possible for FY25.

**f. PC Elections update**

Laura Glaudemans stated that she, Mary Peroutka, Martin Mullan, and Paul Venginickal comprise the PC Election Committee for this year. The PC is seeking 4 new PC members during this election cycle.

Bulletin and ResConnections email announcements started last Friday.

Weekend Mass CAMs will make pulpit announcements at the end of Masses.

Laura recognized Stephen Lay as being very helpful to the entire PC election process.

**g. Ministry Fair**

Cathy Hanks recommended we conduct the Ministry Fair in October (e.g., the weekend of Oct 19-20) since summertime Masses and September Masses have historically lower attendance than the other 8-9 months of the year.

Cathy also emphasized that the Ministry Fair should be available before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass plus all Sunday morning.

**h. Update on Fall Fest and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.**

**Fall Fest:**

The first Fall Festival Planning Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> (Selina Conant, Greg Jolissaint, and Chris Rotunda will meet with Cindy Desrochers and Lorraine Miano-Fike).

A question was asked regarding the ability for organizations to display/hand out their ministry flyers at the Fall Fest? The Planning Committee will discuss this possibility.

There was also a short discussion about conducting the traditional October 4<sup>th</sup> (Feast of Saint Francis) Pet Blessing on Sunday afternoon October 6<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> (since the parking lot will be occupied most of the day on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> with people setting up for the Fall Fest and with Parents dropping off/picking up RSPS students). The committee will also discuss this recommendation.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

The celebration will occur on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> .

The Anniversary Celebration will be a catered event conducted in the Hall with a Bar. Cathy noted that we could probably increase seating capacity if we also sat people in the Coffee Lounge.

One PC member asked if there would be dancing included in the celebration. The PC will pass this question to the celebration planning committee.

The planners are currently considering a cost of \$100 per person.

**j. Pastorate Mission for 2025**

It was noted that St. Paul has 2 upcoming parish missions planned.

Cindy recommended allowing Faith Formation to take charge of mission planning – missions are in Kate Kleintank’s Faith Formation budget.

The PC will contact Kate Kleintank to discuss conducting a Resurrection Parish Mission, perhaps for Advent 2025.

**k. Renovated Church Tours between April 17 - May 17**

Cindy said there is really too many activities going on during this time; she discussed the topic with Msgr. John and he is not willing to run tours because of the flurry of construction and move-in activities planned during this timeframe.

One PC member asked whether we could/should conduct tours vs. host an Open House after we are open (see continued discussion in item “7. I.” below)

**l. Media coverage**

Both the Baltimore Sun and the Catholic Review have been informed and invited to the dedication ceremony.

The PC also had a discussion around the idea of conducting an Open House for the surrounding community (that allows our community to feel welcome to the parish). This

will be discussed more at the April and May PC Meetings (along with the best dates for conducting the Open House, i.e., June vs. sometime in the Fall).

m. Stephanie West, **HSA Representative**, provided additional information regarding the RSPS Fun Run and reminded the PC that March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the RSPS Gala.

n. **CAM feedback**

An Old Ellicott City restaurant offered a 10% kickback to the Parish for Fish Fridays during Lent – there was a discussion about placing an Ad in the Bulletin, however this might present a conflict for those businesses who pay to advertise in the Bulletin (so there will not be a free advertisement for this restaurant in the Bulletin).

One parishioner recommended moving the church’s LED sign closer to Chatham Road so it can be used to share messages with the community. Cindy and Stephen reminded the PC that signs are strictly regulated in HoCo and the current parish LED sign is in the county-approved location.

o. Gina then discussed the **planned and potential upcoming 2024-2025 PC Meetings:**

*June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a dinner meeting* that includes new PC members, cycling off members, and a PC Executive Committee election.

*July 8<sup>th</sup> will be our first meeting with the new Resurrection Pastor*

August 5<sup>th</sup>

September 9<sup>th</sup>

October 7<sup>th</sup>

November 4<sup>th</sup>

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

January 6<sup>th</sup> (first meeting of CY2025)

February 3<sup>rd</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- p. Diane Lesko will be asked to discuss the **Baltimore Archdiocese Open Arms Pilot Program** at the April Resurrection PC meeting.
- 8. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Gina led our closing prayer and adjourned our meeting at 8:55 pm.

*Next regular meeting—Monday April 1, 2024*

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Greg Jolissaint, PC Recording Secretary.

These minutes were electronically approved by the PC on March 26, 2024