

Church of the Resurrection
 Pastoral Council Meeting
 Large Conference Room

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
 November 6, 2023

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Martin Fienkeng	P
Laura Glaudemans	P
Greg Jolissaint (RS)	P
Bill Judy	P
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 -- P
Father Paul	Asso 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

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Gina Maclean, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
2. Opening Prayer: Carolyn Sherman provided an opening prayer.
3. Roll Call/Quorum: Greg Jolissaint verified to the PC President that a quorum was present.
4. Minutes: The meeting minutes of the October Joint Pastoral Council meeting conducted on the October 2, 2023, were approved electronically between meetings using e-mail.
5. Pastor's report. The Pastor's Report was provided by Msgr. Dietzenbach.

Vision 2020 update

*the construction site tours are going well; “tourists” are enjoying returning to the Conference Room Reception after the tour, seeing the video, and looking at the samples of the finishing materials on display

*new campaign -- \$203K in gifts have been pledged; \$145K are one time gifts. \$472.5K have been received for memorials, and another \$194K has been pledged for memorials. \$22K have also been received via 2nd collections. Several organ shares remain to be claimed; Father John is hoping to secure another \$2M in Vision 2020 pledges. Father John also stated his home visits are going well.

*Construction update – there have been more change orders, but construction remains on schedule; Father John said he would be speaking with Lewis Construction and/or Noelker and Hull (the architectural firm) since he feels some of the recent change orders should have been anticipated from the beginning. The overall structure should be “closed” within 2 weeks (which will allow the contractor to turn on the heat and air inside of the renovated structure).

Thanksgiving – there will be a 9am Mass on Thanksgiving Morning November 23rd with a follow-on Reception after Mass (Fellowship Committee will host the reception).

St. Paul Parish Update – St. Paul is starting a \$400K fundraising campaign to pay for the new HVAC system for the Evangelization Center and steeple repairs that are now required.

Bankruptcy Update – the archdiocese has hired 2 firms to represent Archdiocesan parishes (one firm is from Idaho and one is from Baltimore). Baltimore Archdiocese parishes will eventually be asked to remit some amount of funds (attorneys will make the monetary requirement fair); it will take 2 or 3 years to finally settle the Chapter 11 details. By way of comparison, 37 dioceses have declared bankruptcy across the United States. It is hoped by diocesan leaders that the pending settlements and Chapter 11 proceedings, once completed, will close the chapter on these mostly 20th Century Baltimore Archdiocese issues.

Committees -- Ann Hicks will be taking over as the Chair of the Bereavement Committee. Father John is still looking for a Fall Festival Point person (perhaps 2 people who can co-chair).

6. PC President’s Report. The PC President’s Report was provided by Gina Maclean.

We will be staggering the requested submission of committee/ministry reports so that the PC reviews 2-3 reports for every PC meeting (Liturgy, Social Justice, and Fellowship submitted reports for this month)

***Liturgy** – Cathy Hanks described the submitted Liturgy Report as “complete as written.” Cathy did add there will be another push for Volunteers after Christmas since we will require many more volunteers once we return to conducting services in the renovated church. Mary Peroutka recommended conducting a Ministry Fair a month or two prior to the May 2024 Dedication Mass.

Cathy Hanks also announced there will be a **Prayer Service for Relics on Thursday night May 16th** (the parish thus far has obtained 4 relics that will be placed inside the new worship space).

***Social Justice** – John Wilkin highlighted some items on the submitted Social Justice Report – Social Justice will be seeking donations for the Adopt a Family Program; there will be a Thanksgiving Ham collection in November; and there will be an Advent collection and Christmas Card sales during the 1st weekend of December. John also described other current and upcoming activities: the Grass Roots Cold Weather Shelter in January; SJ continues to assist an Afghan Refugee Family; Gift Cards are being collected for Ukraine medical supplies; and funds are also being collected for an Israeli West Bank Church in need of support.

Bill Judy asked for clarification regarding the Bulletin Ad that said “No Canned Hams” for the Thanksgiving Ham Collection. The Recording Secretary reached out by email to the Point Person for this collection effort, but the response was not received until the day following the PC Meeting (so the response will be shared and discussed during the December PC meeting).

Father John also mentioned there is a new Ukrainian family attending St. Paul Church (they speak Polish and Ukrainian) – Father John is seeking someone who speaks Polish or Ukrainian to work with this family.

***Events Under the Tent** – Lorraine Miano-Fike described a very successful October Trunk or Treat event that was hosted completely inside the Tent (the rain forecast moved Trunk providers into the tent and onto a table). The Knights of Columbus, the Cub Scouts, and the Pastoral Council did a great job planning, coordinating, and hosting this event (PC Lead was Carolyn Sherman).

***the December Tent event will be “Cocoa, Caroling, and Caring” on Friday December 1st** – Martin Mullan has the lead for the PC.

***the February Tent event will be a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday February 23rd** from 5:30pm – 6:55pm. **Stations of the Cross will be conducted in the Chapel beginning at 7pm** – the Fellowship Committee has the lead for this event (and will figure out whether it will be a catered event vs. coordinating for Food Trucks that sell fish/seafood items) – the Knights of Columbus will support this event as well (setting up tables and chairs; helping with any planned decorations; resetting the tent upon completion).

***the March Tent Event will occur on Friday March 15th** – a **St. Patrick’s dinner and dancing** will begin at 7:30pm following the completion of Stations of the Cross in the Chapel. Paul Venginickal has the lead for the PC.

***the April Tent Event will occur on Friday April 19th** – the **annual SSSMILE Dinner** will be conducted with the Knights of Columbus in support.

***the May Tent Event will occur on Friday May 10th** – there is a RSPS Fun Run scheduled for 5pm; Stephanie West will help the PC plan and organize the follow-on Tent Event.

Other Planned Social Events:

***the Men’s Club will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall on Sunday May 19th** following the completion of all Masses in the renovated Church

*there will be a **Pastorate Picnic and Farewell event for Father John on Sunday June 9th** at Mary's Land Farm.

CAM Feedback:

*there is a group of Cameroonian women who want to join the parish; they will be encouraged to join

*one parishioner asked about the leaves under the propane tent heaters (and whether they represent a Safety Hazard). Father John and Cathy Hanks will continue to ensure the leaves are routinely cleared from the tent's heating components (this is one of Kevin S's requested/expected grounds maintenance tasks).

*one parishioner requested a return to more traditional music for church services – since Advent is rapidly approaching, this parishioner will notice a change to more traditional music

*one parishioner provided negative feedback regarding church attendees applauding after the choir sings a new song (since the music is designed to worship God). Following substantial discussion of this topic, which included the Pastor, it was decided there would be no announcements or bulletin entries as a result of this parishioner's recommendation.

Gina then facilitated a general events calendar discussion (that included a discussion of future social events upon the completion of construction):

- Pastorate Councils Retreat – Saturday March 2 at the Friary – Laura Glaudemans will work with Mary Margaret from St. Paul; recommend same caterer as last year
- March 23rd – RSPS Gala
- Church Dedication Mass – Friday May 17 – Dedication Chair, Cathy Hanks (along with Father John); Post-Dedication Reception Chair, Carolyn Sherman
- Pastorate Picnic/Fr. John Farewell and Retirement Celebration – Sunday June 9th at Mary's Land Farm. The Co-Chairs are Andrea (St. Paul) & Lorraine (Resurrection). Lorraine is seeking one more volunteer to “learn the ropes” and asked that everyone please consider volunteering to fill this role
- Fall Festival – being planned for the first Saturday of October – 2 Chair(s) are needed – please volunteer (or think of someone who might be a good candidate)
- Parish 50th Birthday Celebration – this will be conducted sometime towards the end of the calendar year 2024. An overall Chair is needed (Fr. John will be asking specific people to serve in this role). The actual 50th birthdate is November 3rd, 2024. Planning considerations might include a dinner-dance “Gala-like” event as a culminating event; Father John is also considering an Organ Concert in light of the new Pipe Organ being installed in the renovated church. Father John also opined that a series of events over time could all be part of the 50th Birthday celebration, starting with the dedication of the new Church on May 17th
- The PC President then asked the PC whether we could dedicate our January 2024 PC Meeting to a “brainstorming and planning meeting” that would include 50th Birthday

events (starting from “x” and finishing with the Gala) and would also include future social/administrative events; the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, ACTS Core, Men’s Club, Fellowship, Liturgy, and Social Justice could all be invited to participate in this brainstorming and planning discussion. The idea would be to begin planning for when we return to our renovated space – the PC agreed to use the January 2024 PC Meeting for this purpose.

7. Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Gina led our closing prayer and adjourned our meeting at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Jolissaint.

Next regular PC meeting will be held on December 4, 2023, 6pm, at Gina’s House
(PC Christmas Party and December Meeting – Julie will create a SUG)

NOTE 1: Since the first Monday in January is January 1st, we will shift our PC meeting to January 8th

NOTE 2: These minutes were approved during the December 4, 2023, Meeting of the Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council.