

Church of the Resurrection  
 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
**February 5, 2024**  
**Large Conference Room**  
**Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City, MD**

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Martin Fienkeng	Ex
Laura Glaudemans	P
Greg Jolissaint (RS)	P
Bill Judy	Ex
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	Associate Pastor -- P
<u>Committees</u>	
Lorraine Miano-Fike	Events Under the Tent
Cathy Hanks	Liturgy -- P
Peggy Gessler	Social Justice – P
Mary Reif	Fellowship
<u>Invited Guests</u>	
Stephanie West	HSA -- Ex

**Others in attendance:**

Cindy Desrochers,  
 Resurrection Parish  
 Office Manager

1. The February 2024 Meeting of the Pastoral Council was called to order by the PC President, Gina Maclean, at 7:06 pm.
2. The **Opening Prayer** was provided by Mary Peroutka.
3. The Recording Secretary, Greg Jolissaint, reported to the PC President the PC had a Quorum present for the meeting.

4. The **January 2024 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes** were electronically approved prior to the February 2024 meeting. These approved minutes were posted to the Church of the Resurrection website by Stephen Lay on January 30, 2024.
5. The **Pastor's Report** was provided by Msgr. John Dietzenbach, Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection and the St. Paul Church Pastorate.

**Vision 2020 status**

\*Chris Rotunda, Greg Jolissaint, and Selina Conant have agreed to serve as our Pastorate Fall Festival Managers. Lorraine Miano-Fike and Cindy Desrochers will serve as Advisors to ensure these 3 new Managers are comfortable with their new role.

\*Faith Fioco will Chair the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

\*8 old pews are currently being refinished for use in the new Church

\*Church Tours are completed (at least for now); flooring is now being installed which precludes scheduling additional tours. The tours did achieve their previously stated goals. Msgr. John once again thanked the Pastoral Council for hosting the post-tour receptions.

\*Dedication Mass Planning is underway (Cathy Hanks has the lead)

\*Memorials are complete except for ~20 pews; a Yamaha Baby Grand Piano was purchased by an anonymous donor

\*concrete is getting poured this week for the new sidewalks

\*April 17<sup>th</sup> is the expected construction completion date; contracted vendors should be able to start working April 1<sup>st</sup> (e.g., the vendor who will install pews; the vendor who will install the new altar; etc.).

\*we are now borrowing money because the Vision 2020 funds have been exhausted (our last 2 mortgage payments used borrowed money). Msgr. John did mention that the Contractor withheld a certain amount of money for "emergencies" that should be returned to us at the end of construction.

**Lent / Easter information**

\*Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> (which is also Valentine's Day)

\*Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass times are set

**Archdiocese Annual Appeal Update**

\*many parishioners have already received mail solicitations

\*pew solicitations will begin this coming weekend (February 10-11); Father John reminded the PC that the parish will benefit monetarily if the parish meets or exceeds the overall pledge goal set by the Archdiocese

**Bankruptcy Update**

\*there will be bulletin flyers that provide information about the requirement for litigants to file suit by May 31, 2024

\*messaging has been and will be posted in flocknotes and on our parish Facebook page; messaging has also been posted on the Pastoral Center LED monitors

\*Father John will also discuss bankruptcy information in a future homily

\*Ryan Hellem (RSPS Principal), Jim Coolahan (RSPS School Board President), Fr. John, and Cindy Desrochers met today; they discussed the relationship between the school and the parish (and how facility payments are made between the school and the church). Formulas need to be assessed since there are more spaces to clean; there will be new trash and dumpster requirements; there will be separate but connected security system monitoring requirements; there will be capital repairs required at some point in the future, etc. No decisions were made, but decisions should be made soon

\*Fr. John is going on a pilgrimage from March 1 – March 21 (he and others will be traveling from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Santiago, Chile). He will be back to help celebrate Masses during Palm Sunday weekend and Easter Weekend.

6. The **PC President's Report** was provided by Gina Maclean, Resurrection PC President

**Committee/ministry reports – Religious Ed / Youth Ministry**

\*Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> (which is also the Saturday of the Men's ACTS Retreat weekend)

**Follow up on January meeting** (PC members were asked to print out the January minutes for discussion at tonight's meeting)

\*good feedback was received after the meeting regarding the facilitated session conducted in the Chapel – organizational representatives were glad they were heard

\*PC members and Father John complimented the PC President on her excellent facilitation of the meeting

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\*the PC President stated her intention to send a note to the organizational attendees encouraging them to “take charge” of their recommended events/activities so they can start planning for them (which will require submitting a facility request to Cindy in April). This email will be sent along with the approved January PC Meeting minutes.

\*the PC President asked if there were any organizations not included (that should have been included)? None were identified by the PC members.

\*the PC President also suggested we should routinely conduct this type of facilitated meeting (perhaps every 6 months or every 12 months?). No decision was made, but another meeting will be scheduled during the next fiscal year (which begins July 1).

\*when the next facilitated meeting is scheduled, a suggestion was made to include an opportunity to fellowship after the meeting – the PC liked this idea, so fellowship time will be incorporated into the next meeting

#### **Welcome/Information Folder**

\*there was a discussion/concern raised about the sustainability of printed information that would be included in a Welcome Folder; Cindy Desrochers commented on how the parish is trying to get away from Paper. Instead of having a ready-made folder with contents, perhaps we could hand them a shiny folder and let them take only the flyers that are of interest?

\*Cathy Hanks commented how there would be a limited initial production of Welcome folders, and then we would probably transition to trifolds

#### **Events Under the Tent** (and Other Parish Events)

\*Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> -- **Fish Friday Event** hosted by the Fellowship Committee with support from the PC, the Resurrection Knights, and the Men’s Club; participants have been asked to register on-line using Faith Direct; the Fellowship Committee is planning for a 200 ticket capacity; the last day to purchase tickets is Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> – but the date can always be extended if tickets are not sold out. Kelsey’s is catering the Fish Friday events; volunteers are providing desserts; Pizza will also be available for those who don’t want fish. The event will be held from 5:30pm to 6:55pm since Stations of the Cross will be conducted in the Chapel starting at 7:00pm. Volunteers will be used at the Check-in Desk, as servers, and as runners between the Large Conference Room and the Tent

\*Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> – **Irish Ceili Event**; the ACTS Core Team plus PC member Paul Venginickal will serve as the hosts

\*Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> – the **SSSMILE Village Dinner** hosted by the Social Justice Committee with setup supported by the Resurrection Knights of Columbus

\*Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> -- **RSPS 5K Fun Run** (no details available yet)

\*Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> – **Relics Service/Ceremony** is scheduled for 7:00pm in the Chapel. No post-service/ceremony reception is planned

\*Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> – renovated **Church Dedication Mass** (Liturgy Committee planning) and post-Dedication Reception. Current reception planning calls for either Cake or Cookies and beverages (e.g., punch, soft drinks)

\*Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> – Knights to host a **post-Vigil Mass Wine and Cheese Reception** in the Coffee Lounge; the Pastoral Council will provide up to \$200 toward this reception

\*Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> – the Men’s Club will either host a **Pancake Breakfast or purchase Bagels** (depending on the usability of the Kitchen) after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses; something else may be provided after the 11:30 Mass (Lorraine will discuss details with Matt Beattie, the Men’s Club President)

\*Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> -- **Pastorate Picnic** at Mary’s Land Farm (which will also serve as Father John’s Farewell event)



Laura Glaudemans then discussed the **Joint Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul Church Pastoral Council Retreat** which is scheduled on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Laura is working on planning with Mary Margaret at St. Paul’s. The retreat will be held at the Shrine of St. Anthony; it will have a spiritual focus this year with an opportunity for Adoration and a Mass at noon. The same caterer will be used. Laura is asking for PC member RSVPs by February 18<sup>th</sup>

Greg Jolissaint discussed the **Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt** which is scheduled for Saturday morning March 23<sup>rd</sup> (with a Rain Date of Sunday afternoon March 24<sup>th</sup>). The Resurrection Knights are hosting this Easter Egg Hunt which will begin at 10am, and the Cub Scouts will be providing support for the event.

**Spring 2024 Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Elections** were discussed by the PC

\*PC elections will occur the weekend of April 27-28

\*the Spring 2024 PC Elections Subcommittee will consist of: Laura Glaudemans (termed out), Mary Peroutka (not running again), Paul Venginickal (completing Year 1 of his term), and Martin Mullan (currently undecided about running again, but finishing his first term; he will drop off of the subcommittee if he decides to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term).

\*the Election Subcommittee members intend to use the on-line voting capability as well as the in-pew voting like last year

\*Martin Mullan has access to many of the electronic files from last year and will share them with this year’s Subcommittee members

### **Update on Fall Fest**

Cindy shared that Susan Yost is suggesting we have a “Blessing of the Animals” occur in conjunction with Fall Fest. The Blessing of the Animals is usually tied to the Feast of Saint Francis (which is October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Friday prior to Fall Fest weekend). The Fall Fest Planners will carefully coordinate the date and time of the Animal Blessing so there is no interference with Fall Fest (e.g., during the day on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>) or the RSPS drop-off and pick-up times. Parking is usually a premium during Fall Fest.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration**

Cathy Hanks commented on how she and Helen Gross are still looking for older photographs to use in the Parish History book

Peggy Gessler (**Social Justice Committee**) commented on how she is hoping the proposed/suggested Ministry Fair (discussed during last month’s facilitated session) will result in new Social Justice Committee members; she also commented on how she would like to see more collaboration between parish organizations (like the way organizations collaborated to host and support Events in the Tent during the past year)

\*Peggy also reminded the PC that the Social Justice Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

Mary Peroutka commented that **St. Vincent de Paul** provided over \$13K in assistance to Resurrection neighbors during the month of January (an amount that is not sustainable).

### **CAM Comments**

\*one parishioner commented on the lobby burgundy chairs that have wheels on them; these chairs can be difficult for older people to negotiate. The Pastoral Staff will try to ensure only non-wheeled chairs are available in the lobby

\*one parishioner commented on how the tent’s doors make a lot of noise when closing (which can be very distracting, especially for the choir). This comment will be passed to the Ushers (Mike Walther, Head Usher, is already addressing this problem at the 9:30am Mass).

### **Items that will be saved for the March Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**

\*scheduling a Pastorate Mission

\*scheduling a Ministry Fair (perhaps in September)

\*renaming of the “Coffee Bar” to something that does not include the word “Bar” (Cindy Desrochers says it is already called a “Coffee Lounge” for facility request purposes)

\*potentially conducting tours between April 17 and May 17

\*Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> is the tentative move-in day for the items currently being stored in the rental Storage Container. Cindy Desrochers knows the owners of the items in the container (and she will coordinate the move-in activities).

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7. The next Pastoral Council meetings are currently scheduled for Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>. Father John will be on Pilgrimage for the March PC Meeting.

8. Having no further business, the February 2023 PC Meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.

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

These minutes were electronically approved by the Pastoral Council February 19-25, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gregory Jolissaint". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

J. Gregory Jolissaint  
Recording Secretary  
February 26, 2024