

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
 Church of the Resurrection MP1 & MP2
 September 17, 2024

Attendance:

P = present E = excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Martin Fienkeng (VP)	P
Greg Jolissaint (P)	P
Bill Judy	P/virtual
Tom Lauer	P
Gina Maclean	P
Lorraine Miano Fike (CS)	P
Cathy Parrish	P
Paul Reif	P
Carolyn Sherman (RS)	P
Paul Venginickal	P
Brad Weiss	P
Julie Winpisinger	E

Others in attendance

<u>Clergy</u>	
Father Andy Aaron	Pastor -- P
Father Paul Kongnyuy	Associate Pastor - E
<u>Committees</u>	
Cathy Hanks	Liturgy
John Wilkin	Social Justice
Mary Reif	Fellowship
<u>Invited Guests</u>	

1. Call to Order: The Pastoral Council President, Greg Jolissaint, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Opening Prayer: Martin Fienkeng said an opening prayer.
3. Roll Call/Quorum: Carolyn Sherman (RS) reported that a quorum was present.
4. Brad Weiss accepted the role as Timekeeper for the meeting.
5. Minutes: The meeting minutes of the 3 June 2024 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved via e-mail and have been uploaded to the Church of the Resurrection webpage.
6. Introductions: Pastoral Council members introduced themselves to Father Andy.

7. Pastor's report (provided by Father Andy Aaron, pastor):

Fr. Andy's vision/outlook for the pastorate: Father Andy briefly described his desire to create opportunities to build community through social events and to help parishioners grow in their faith through adult education, small groups, bible study, etc. He is appreciative of the warm welcome he has received and he is in "listening mode" as he settles into the pastorate. He said he was previously involved in the Cursillo program (somewhat similar to ACTS) and encourages these types of programs. He stated he is of the mind to: keep it basic: help parishioners continue to learn their faith; and be welcoming to all.

Vision 20/20: Fr. Andy commended the fund raising that was done for the project. Currently we are \$4.5 million in debt. Feels that parishioners are currently "tapped out," so there won't be any new campaigns in the near future. That said, Fr. Andy is hoping to boost the offertory income for the sake of the mortgage and day-to-day expenses. Mentioned that he was able to bring in \$8 million in 2010 to eliminate the debt when he was at Holy Family. He believes that with a happy congregation, the funds will come in.

Social Events: Is very much in favor. Make church fun! Coffee and Donuts, Italian Dinner, 50th Anniversary Dinner, and Lenten meals are all great things.

8. Committee Reports (highlights only, full reports from these three committees will be heard at November meeting)

Fellowship (Mary Reif): Coffee and donuts after 7:30 and 9:30 masses are going very well, and donations are covering the costs. A PC member asked if this could be offered at the 11:30 mass as well. Fr. Andy did not want to put undue stress on Fellowship, and was in favor of Mary's idea of reaching out to other parish organization to host.

Mary is hoping to do something for Saturday evening mass—possibly some kind of family dinner.

Instead of Fish Fridays, Fellowship may be coordinating Soup Suppers, perhaps offering fish sticks and macaroni and cheese to kids.

Liturgy (Cathy Hanks): Mass attendance is up to 71% of pre-Covid numbers! Cathy also noted that people are coming earlier and staying after mass to chat. At a recent 9:30 mass, at 10 minutes after the conclusion of mass, there were still over 60 people talking in small groups in the Gathering Space (GS), with another 40 lingering in the worship space. About a third of those in the GS were young families with children.

Social Justice (John Wilkin): Will again be conducting the Christmas Adopt-A-Family Campaign (gift cards) for around 200 families. SJ will also be repeating the previously successful Event Under the Tent of "Cocoa, Caroling, and Caring" (which encourages donations of flannel shirts, stuffed animals, hats, and gloves; they also sell cards) on Saturday, Dec 14th. John noted that St. Vincent de Paul is now handing out on average 200 bags of groceries per month (up from 100). The Resurrection Knights of Columbus are

taking over Grassroots collections and deliveries every other month. John also noted that books are being rotated from the shed to the new self-service lending library inside the main entrance, in the Foyer on the left.

9. New Business

New PC meeting schedule: Pastoral Council meetings for Resurrection and St. Paul will be held back-to-back on Tuesday evenings, alternating between campuses. The visiting parish will meet from 6:15pm to 7:30pm timeslot, and the host parish will take the 7:45pm to 9:00pm timeslot (the 15-minute break is to allow priests “stretch time” between meetings).

Fall Festival: Greg reported that the October 5th Fall Festival (first one since 2021) is coming along! Need PC members to sign up to sell food and game tickets (only PC members will be selling tickets); PC members can sign up at www.communityfallfestival.com/volunteer.

Per archdiocesan child protection (and Fr. Andy) guidelines, anyone signing up to volunteer for Fall Fest must be VIRTUS compliant. Volunteers are asked to go to www.communityfallfestival.com, click on Volunteer, then go to the VIRTUS link for your parish. Volunteers are required to check “substantial contact with children,” regardless of your Fall Fest volunteer role on October 5, 2024.

Health Ministry: Cathy Parrish has kindly volunteered to “resurrect” the weekend health ministry. She reviewed the first aid kit, adding Narcan and baby aspirin. EPI pen was considered, but not added – since this is not meant to be an ER. New AED signs have been placed in the GS (the AED is located near the entrance to the men’s room), and familiarization training will be made available in October. Volunteers in the medical field are being asked to sign up as “Good Samaritans” and to be available at all masses; ushers will be informed of these health ministry volunteers. Finally, Cathy hopes to coordinate with Dr. Lani Yap to host a health fair in the spring.

50th Anniversary Dinner: A dinner/dance recognizing Resurrection’s 50th Anniversary will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, in the hall. The PC President iterated that it would be good to see the PC well represented at this event. Those interested in having a PC table together were encouraged to contact Gina Maclean.

Ordination Gifts: Cathy Parrish took the lead in presenting annual ordination gifts (gift cards) to our priests and deacons, mostly during the month of June. Fr. Andy’s ordination date is May 25th.

Ministry Fair: Looking to bring back the ministry fair, possibly in February. We are seeking a PC Member to coordinate this effort (establish date, reserve space, and invite pastorate ministries to participate). If interested, contact Greg Jolissaint. This event should include food (appetizers/snacks and beverages) to encourage attendance after weekend Masses.

Banners on Outside of Church: We used to have banners advertising various events on the outside wall of the church. We may want to look into acquiring an additional LED sign,

similar to the one that faces the parking lot as you exit onto Chatham Rd. However, LED signs are pricey (around \$4000 for one purchased several years ago, probably twice that now). In the meantime, we will make use of existing LED screens inside the new spaces. We will ***not***, however, use the LED screens inside the church itself for these types of events advertising — those screens are meant to focus on mass and prayer. Martin Fienking will follow up on accessing the LED screens in the Coffee Lounge and the Gathering Space prior to, between, and after Masses.

Location of Dumpster: At present the only dumpster on campus is at the northwest corner behind the Pastoral Center. There was going to be an enclosed dumpster in the parking lot west of the shed, but it was cut out of the construction plan due to cost. The new proposal is to move the dumpster somewhere close to where it used to be – on the back line of the parking lot to the west of the shed and the storage container. Fr. Andy is in favor. Greg will reach out to the Parish Business Manager Cindy Desrochers to see how soon this can be arranged (hopefully prior to the Fall Festival).

Is CAM necessary? There was some discussion as to whether a designated/volunteer Counselor At Mass (CAM), filled by a PC Member, needed to actually make the announcements at the end of mass, or, whether the cantor could announce that Pastoral Council members would be at the welcome desk after mass. After a lively go-around and vote, it was decided to leave the CAM duty as is – the majority felt it made for a more personal connection by having a Pastoral Council member deliver the end-of-Mass announcements.

10. CAM Feedback after Masses (June through September):

- a. Will “INRI” be added to new crucifix over the altar? The discussion revealed that it was never in the plans; and, it’s “ok” to not have INRI on a crucifix. At this point, making changes to a piece of art, such as the crucifix, would be difficult and cost-prohibitive.
- b. Can purchased Magnificats (by subscription, through Peggy Gahagan) be made available in the Gathering Space at weekend masses? They are currently held in the credenza in the Pastoral Center (which is open weekdays, but not on weekends) — for some families, it’s difficult to get to the Pastoral Center during the workweek. Lorraine will reach out to Peggy to see if this accommodation can be made for at least those families who would prefer to pick up their Magnificat booklet after Weekend Masses.
- c. Can name tags (the fancy green ones) be made available to all parishioners, as a way of getting to know fellow parishioners? Discussion revealed that the intent of these green name tags was to identify parishioners holding positions in the various ministries. However, if a parishioner who does not otherwise qualify for a name tag would like to purchase one, then this may be a possibility. Greg Jolissaint will reach out to Cindy Desrochers to discuss a designated on-line nametag vendor (e.g. Amazon) through which parishioners may order their own nametags.

d. There was a request to go back to the old Sunday mass schedule (7:30, 9:00, 10:30, noon). Given the additional social time which we are seeing after masses, the parking lot congestion that would be caused by shortening the time between masses, and the decreased Mass preparatory time for clergy, lay leaders, and staff/volunteers, it was decided to leave the schedule as is. It is also important to realize that the current Pastorate Mass times are coordinated with the St. Paul Mass times.

e. Will donor's names be inscribed on donated pews? No. There is a Vision 2020 donor recognition binder atop the lectern in the Gathering Space. If corrections/additions need to be made to the binder, please reach out to Business Manager Cindy Desrochers. You will see some dedication plates on the benches and tree outside the main entrance – some of these were in place before Vision 2020 (e.g. there was a tree that had to be moved due to the Vision 2020 construction). Carolyn Sherman will follow up with Cindy Desrochers about why there are dedication plates on benches.

f. A parishioner noted the lack of Blessed Mother statues in the church. One has since been relocated from the West end of the RSPS 2nd Floor Hallway and is now in the alcove between the Link elevator and the Church. It was also noted that the Blessed Mother is incorporated in the Holy Family statue inside the church. It was felt the Blessed Mother is well represented and no additions are required.

g. Security. Martin Fienking said that security cameras have been installed. Now we need to set up the monitoring of those cameras, and we need to work out a response protocol should there be some kind of incident. Martin will coordinate this with the Parish Business Manager. Cathy Hanks noted that the archdiocese can provide training to those who monitor the camera screens.

11. **Next meeting** will be a joint meeting of the pastorate pastoral councils, meeting at St. Paul's New Evangelization Center, Tues, Oct 15th, 6:15 pm, with food beforehand. Fr. Andy will talk more about his vision for the pastorate at that time. Greg will coordinate with St. Paul PC president Mary Margaret Hague regarding food and attendance.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Fr. Andy offered closing prayer and meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Notes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Sherman, Corresponding Secretary