

Church of the Resurrection
 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
 January 8, 2024
 Large Conference Room → Chapel
 Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City, MD

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>
Martin Fienkeng	P
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	Ex
Julie Winpisinger	P

Others in attendance

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

NOTE: the PC President invited Resurrection Parish organizations and ministries to attend this meeting. ***The names of those who attended, along with their organizational affiliation, are included with these minutes at Enclosure 1.***

1. The January 2024 Meeting of the Pastoral Council was called to order by the PC President, Gina Maclean, at 7:05pm.
2. The Opening Prayer was provided by Paul Reif.
3. The Recording Secretary, Greg Jolissaint, reported to the PC President that a Quorum was present for the meeting. Actual PC Member attendance can be seen in the tables above.

4. The December 2023 PC Meeting Minutes were electronically approved prior to the January 2024 meeting. These approved minutes are posted to the Church of the Resurrection website.
5. The **Pastor's Report** was provided by Msgr. John Dietzenbach, Pastor of Church of the Resurrection and the St. Paul Church Pastorate.

*Father John began by asking everyone to please keep Bill Judy and his family in prayer

Vision 2020 status:

- *construction should be completed in April, to include the furnishings, etc.
- *AB Lori has the Dedication Mass annotated on his schedule
- *donations for Memorials have been very successful; ~30 pews left; organ is funded

Fund Raising, Tours, Building

- *another tour is scheduled for Friday January 12th; next one is scheduled for Tuesday January 30th; they will continue as long as people are interested in attending
- *progress is now occurring quickly; almost all of the work remaining to be done is inside, so work is progressing

Advent and Christmas recap

*weather was great this year, so attendance was up this year compared to last year. Cathy Hanks provided the actual attendance assessment for Christmas Weekend:

Attendance #s: weekend was ~normal for a weekend

Christmas Eve: 34% higher than last year

Christmas Day attendance was also much higher

Cathy also commented that there seems to be a progressively steady increase in weekend Mass attendance compared to last year

*Father John commented on how Resurrection volunteers made things very worthwhile and successful for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

Special Initiative Regarding a Group of Cameroonian Women

Father John commented on how Father Paul is shepherding a group of Cameroonian women who want to start a chapter of the **Catholic Women's Association**; the group is meeting in the rectory on Sunday afternoons

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

Committee/Ministry Reports

*Gina confirmed PC members had access to the 3 Committee/ministry reports that were sent via email by Martin Mullan, PC VP (Fellowship / Liturgy / Social Justice). No

PC member verbalized a question about the content of these reports. Greg Jolissaint commented that although it was not found in the Social Justice Report, Anne Buening made a Saint Vincent de Paul presentation to the Resurrection KofC Council November Membership Meeting. As a result of that presentation, the Resurrection KofC Council provided SVdP with a check for \$500 and unanimously voted to conduct bimonthly (on even months) parking lot collections of SVdP-designated items starting in February 2024. St. Agnes Council will be collecting during the odd numbered months at St. Paul Church.

Events Under the Tent 2023-2024 (Lorraine Miano-Fike)

October 5th – successful Trunk or Treat co-hosted by the Resurrection Knights of Columbus and the Cub Scouts

December 1st – successful Caroling and Cocoa event co-hosted by the ACTS Ministry and the Pastoral Council

February – there will be a Fish Friday event on Friday February 23rd co-hosted by the Fellowship Committee and the Pastoral Council and supported by the Men’s Club and the Knights of Columbus

March – there will be an Irish Dinner with Irish Dancers again on Friday March 15

April – the annual SSSMILE Village Dinner will be held on Friday April 19th

May – the RSPS 5K Fun Run is scheduled for Friday May 10th

June – Pastorate Picnic at *Mary’s Land Farm* is scheduled for Sunday June 9th – this will also serve as Father John’s Pastorate Farewell event

October – Fall Festival

Update on Fall Festival and 50th Anniversary celebration (Father John and Gina Maclean)

*Father John and Gina are still looking for co-Chairs for the Fall Festival

*there will probably be a 50th Anniversary dinner that will require planning

*the actual Parish 50th Anniversary date is **November 3, 2024**

*Father John and Gina are contemplating fun and interesting activities leading up to the actual anniversary date

*parishioners are encouraged to contact Helen Gross and/or Cathy Hanks to share their memories of the Parish’s beginnings and or transitions along the Parish’s journey (Helen’s email is volunteeryouth@hotmail.com and Cathy’s is ceh4041@aol.com)

NOTE: The PC Meeting moved from the Large Conference Room to the Chapel where the PC President facilitated a discussion regarding the new facilities vision and direction.

7. Gina Maclean, PC President, commented to the assembled PC Members and representatives of Parish Organizations/Ministries that ***we all want people to be excited about coming back to church and to other activities.*** She then solicited feedback and ideas regarding future plans and ideas for use of the renovated spaces. Gina annotated the feedback on a large chart during the meeting. ***An image of her notes can be seen at Enclosure 2.***

***Catholic Daughters of America (Mary Messina):**

- annual bake sale and craft fair
- annual baby shower
- social event with a speaker and solicit interest in joining CDA

***Social Justice Committee (Peggy Gessler and John Wilkin)**

- a lending library (like the one formerly in the Link)
- annual book sale
- happy helpers – sandwiches for the homeless downtown (Men’s Club helps)
- Chili Cookoff
- Peggy commented on the desire to keep the Cocoa and Caroling event in December since it was so successful and since it is a nice kickoff for the Holidays
- she also noted that there may be a requirement to deconflict the event with the RSPS Breakfast with Santa (a comment was also made that consideration should be given to the timing of the “Midnight Madness” event in Old Ellicott City which was held the same night this year)

***Men’s Club (Rick Hughey)**

- Pancake Breakfast on Sunday May 19th
- Mary Reif and Cathy Hanks commented that nothing is currently planned to follow the Saturday Vigil Mass May 18th (but could we have a Pancake Dinner after the Saturday Vigil Mass?)
- Irish Gala in March

***Fellowship Committee (Mary Reif)**

- Coffee and Doughnuts on first Sunday of the month
- Fish Fridays on 4 Fridays during Lent (plus Pizza for the kids)

***Scout Troop (5th grade to Eagle Scouts) – 50 scouts and 45 adults**

- Health Fair – Larry Yap is moving to Canada, so a new Lead needs to be identified (unless the fairs are planned for when Larry plans to be in Maryland)
- supporting quarterly Blood Drives hosted by the Resurrection Knights of Columbus
- resetting the hall for other groups

***Greeter Ministry (Carolyn Kuchinski) – ckuch4110@gmail.com 410-465-1089 / 410-218-0539**

- Carolyn commented on the need for more volunteers once we move into the renovated church
- she also asked whether greeters would be needed for the Coffee Bar?

Mary Reif then facilitated a **discussion regarding how often the Coffee Bar will be open and how groups will manage their events** (these Parish Organization/Ministry events should probably be self-sustaining and not require Fellowship Committee member participation)

- could other parish groups sponsor the after-Mass coffee and donuts events?
- could we use youth in need of service hours to run it?
- a short discussion also occurred suggesting the Coffee "Bar" be renamed to either a **Café** or a **Lounge**

Ranger Rosary meetings and rosary making plus storage space (Julie Walton)

- this space requirement was briefly discussed by Julie Walton

Unbound Ministry Prayer Group (Peggy Gahagan)

- the space for an every-other-month prayer meeting was discussed by Peggy Gahagan
- Peggy also discussed the idea of conducting an Annual Parish/Pastorate Revival

Girl Scouts (Debbie Kaminski)

- the Girl Scouts meet twice per month
- they would like to resume the special Scout Mass in February
- and they would like to sell Girl Scout Cookies on parish grounds once again

ACTS Retreat Ministry (Jeff Forsyth)

- separate Team Meetings for the Men's and Women's Retreat Teams (15-week formation)
- the ACTS Core Planning Teams also conducts small meetings
- want to schedule a special Praise and Worship Nights
- similar to the pre-pandemic timeframe, the Core Planning Team has a desire to conduct 2 Men's Retreats and 2 Women's Retreats per year (current plan is to start in 2026)

Marriage Enrichment Activities after young couples get married (Jeff also briefly discussed this topic since he and Shannon are the primary couples' facilitators)

RSPS (Stephanie West, HSA Representative)

- Stephanie commented that the RSPS will want to schedule their annual Breakfast with Santa as well as their "wreathes and greens sale" during the holidays
- she also commented on using the Hall to conduct the RSPS Bag Bingo event
- RSPS Gala
- RSPS Holiday Pageants
- RSPS 5K
- RSPS Scholastic Book Sale

Resurrection Knights of Columbus (Greg Jolissaint, Grand Knight)

- End-of-Summer Social/Party (poorly attended in August)
- Italian Dinner in the Fall (very well attended)
- Trunk or Treat with the Cub Scouts in October
- Champions for the Challenged Breakfast with Santa in December
- Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt
- Summer Social Event/Dinner in The Hall

-- Host quarterly Blood Drives for the American Red Cross

Bereavement Ministry

– a comment was made that the Bereavement Ministry is ready to restart

Rosary Rally (Megan Gaus)

- Megan is willing to organize a Rosary Rally for the parish
- will need a microphone and speaker(s), if conducted
- May is the month of Mary, and October is the month of the rosary (so these might be good months to consider)
- families come as a unit to the Rally
- could possibly invite Bishop Coffey (or Bishop Spencer) from the AMS
- the Rosary Garden should also be considered as a location for the Rosary Rally

Visitor Folder (Liturgy; Cathy Hanks)

- Cathy Hanks is creating an updated version of the Visitor Folder; who should own this folder? Stephen Lay is helping Cathy with this project
- folder should contain a QR code that will allow digital access to the contents of the folder

Organizational POC list (Cathy Hanks)

-- Cathy encouraged PC members and Organization/Ministry representatives to provide her with updated POC information for the Parish Organization and Ministries list

NOTE: a comment was made that we should conduct an informative “Ministry Fair” in the Hall as soon as possible following the Church Dedication

Parish Directory

- Mimi Arsenault commented that the time may be right to coordinate another Parish Directory (the 50th Anniversary)
- Mimi volunteered to take the lead in coordinating the Directory

Dedication Concert

– Stephen Lay is planning for a dedication concert

Open Arms Ministry (Julie Winpisinger and Diane Gibbons Lesko)

-- Julie and Diane commented that Open Arms Ministry meetings and events would continue

David Johnson – David asked the question “could we be doing something to attract new people?” He further commented that a lot of people have been watching the construction for almost 1 ½ years, and some may be Catholic (and potentially interested in attending our “new” church, but how do we “invite” them to attend?). Could we utilize local newspapers (e.g. The Baltimore Sun and the Columbia/Ellicott City Patch) to inform the public of the renovation and the “grand opening” in May?

- could we have an Open House that is open to the public and surrounding neighborhoods?
- should we consider having a Spanish Speaking Priest for 1 Mass on weekends (to attract the Chatham apartments residents)?
- how can we conduct effective outreach to our community (and let them know what Resurrection has to offer in the way of worship, programs, and activities)?

Mary Margaret Hague (St. Paul's Catholic Church PC President)

- thanked Father John and Gina Maclean for the invitation; she enjoyed listening in

Chris Duck – Chris commented that everyone seems to be considering accessibility for those with Disabilities; there are no current special events to consider for this group

Rick Murray – Rick commented that neither Faith Formation nor the Youth ministries were represented at this meeting, but they will have space considerations for their events

- Rick also commented that there will be staff-led events that will require space

Father John Closing Comments

– thanks to everyone for coming and participating tonight; it will be exciting to have space again

-- Father John then invited Cindy Desrochers to explain the process for requesting and reserving space (full instructions will be published and available on the Parish website in April).

-- Cindy commented that she is planning for the following:

- by April 7, the scheduling calendar will be updated
- April 8 organizations and ministries can start preparing their facility requests in the same spreadsheet format used in previous years
- April 26 will be the final date to turn in facility request
- in general, only one fundraiser can be scheduled per weekend
- the approved calendar should be released May 10th

8. Father John closed the gathering in prayer at 9:01pm

9. Having no further business to conduct, the PC Meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

10. These PC Meeting Minutes were respectfully submitted by Greg Jolissaint, Recording Secretary, Church of the Resurrection Pastoral Council

Enclosure 1 – Parish Organizations Sign-in Sheet

Enclosure 2 – Parish Organizations Feedback Notes

NOTE: These minutes were electronically approved by the Pastoral Council during the week of January 23-29, 2024.

ENCLOSURE 1
Parish Organization Sign-in Sheet

January 8 – Pastoral Council meeting	email	phone
Mary Reif – Fellowship		
Anne Talvacchio – Fellowship	talvacchio@verizon.net	410-461-5624
Cathy Hanks – Liturgy	ceh4841@aol.com	410-382-9137
✓ Helen Gross – Liturgy	VOLUNTEEROUT#@HOTMAIL.COM	443-838-4091
✓ Patti Neidig - Liturgy	patti.neidig@gmail.com	
Anne Buening – SVdP	aebuening@gmail.com	443-691-5710
Diane Lesko – Open Arms		
Rick Murray – Facilities	MURRAY20794@COMCAST.NET	301-237-1484
Debbie Kaminski – Girl Scouts	deb4401@aol.com	410-457-5887
Daniel Duesterhaus – BS Troop 615	dduesterhaus@yahoo.com	443-636-0344
Marguerite Collins – Catholic Daughters (Mary Messina)		
Greg Jolissaint – KoC		7579690145
Jeff Forsyth – ACTs	forsyth5@verizon.net	(410) 736-1872
Julie Walton – Ranger Rosary	juliehwalton@comcast.net	443-831-0217
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Mary Reif	mreif@outlook.com	410-303-7250
David Johnson	djohnscell@gmail.com	443.525.1121
Rick Hughey - Men's Club	hugh@msn.com	443-519-3511
John Wilkin - Social Justice	techfan5@comcast.net	410-207-4861

Also present: Rick Murray, Property Management Committee; Cindy Desrochers, Parish Office Manager; Mary Margaret Hague, St. Paul Parish PC President

ENCLOSURE 2

Parish Organizations Feedback Notes

Events/Programs to renew 410-465-1089 Carolyn
 CDA Bake Sale/CRAFT FAIR - PMS in Hall
 CDA May Shower - in 16 driving?
 Lending Library - champions for the challenged (KVIC)
 Book Sale - Scholastic book sale
 Happy Helpers - make food for homeless men's club helps out
 Chili Cookoff (Bridges to Housing Stability)
 Men's Club - Pancake Breakfast MAY 19 + NOV, Irish Gala - FEB, Kids' Bingo - JAN. part of opening weekend, something after 5:00pm Sat Mass May 18
 Coffee + Donuts - 1st Sunday of each month, what to do with Sat. evening?
 Fish Friday - 4 Fridays in Lent
 Troop 615 - 1st High School, 50+ people, 16 adults, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
 Greeter - 14 years, had 40 greeters, preferred needed, Staff-led events
 Ranger Rosary - busy or moved, was a difficulty (spring) time
 Unbound Ministry Prayer - simple to recall, use TWP rooms
 Girl Scouts - 24 girls, 10 troops, 1000+ members, wants to do something in spring
 Eucharistic Adoration - 1st HOUR, wants to do something in spring
 ACTS Retreats + Planning - pastorate, trying to get back to the desk, 1 mem, each country, 1 woman, info desk in gathering space
 Visitors Folder - we need to work on making conclusions
 Pancake Breakfast 2x/YR
 Irish Gala
 Ministry Fair - PRAP, when we begin
 Health Fair with Blood Drive
 Scout Mass - RSPS, 60% on campus?
 Bag Bingo
 Italian Dinner in Fall - "Make a wish" dinner - Spina
 SSS Mile Village dinner

New Event / programs to consider
 Rosary Rally (Megan) - Outdoors, outdoor
 CDA Swiss Event (Speaker) - also in Lent (open dinner at Carol)
 Cocoa + Caroling Event Under Tent - ask the RSPS who to participate, consider Midnight Masses in EC
 Bereavement Receptions - different name?
 Greeting at coffee bar
 Girl Scout Cookie Sales after Masses - Staff as part of service, name
 Parish Photo Directory
 organ concerts
 vending machines?
 Sustainability
 Marriage Enrichment Activities - speakers + social - some play
 Breakfast with Santa to Consider
 Diversity - we're new/so are welcoming
 Parish Mission
 Open House - for community, include, 1-6-2024