

**Church of the Resurrection
Ellicott City, Maryland**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

Attendance:

Pastoral Council (voting members)		Others in attendance	
<u>Member</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	
Martin Fienkeng	P	Msgr. John Dietzenbach	Pastor - P
Laura Glaudemans	P	Father Paul Kongnyuy	Assoc Pastor - P
Greg Jolissaint (RS)	P	<u>Committees</u>	
Bill Judy	Ex	Lorraine Miano-Fike	Events Under the Tent
Gina Maclean (P)	P	Cathy Hanks	Liturgy
Lorraine Miano-Fike (VP)	P	John Wilkin	Social Justice
Martin Mullan (CS)	P	<u>Invited Guests</u>	
Mary Peroutka	P	Stephanie West	HSA
Paul Reif	P		
Carolyn Sherman	P		
Paul Venginickal	Ab		
Julie Winpisinger	P		

1. Call to Order: The Pastoral Council President called the meeting to order at 7:01. The timer for the meeting was Martin Mullan.
2. Opening Prayer: Provided by Julie Winpisinger
3. Roll Call/Quorum: The Recording Secretary advised the PC President that a quorum was present.
4. Minutes: The July 31, 2023, meeting minutes were approved via email between meetings. The approved minutes are posted to the Pastoral Council website.
5. Pastor's report: Msgr. Dietzenbach

***Vision 2020 update**

a. **Building construction progress** – construction is on schedule; we did have a potential setback (it was determined we required an additional electrical panel to handle the HVAC chillers; the project manager was able to find one that is scheduled to arrive in time for ongoing construction and the installation of the new chillers).

*there is an inside stairway available for use during the tours; drywall is also starting to be applied

*after-hours guided tours of the construction site will begin soon; the PC will have a tour on Tuesday September 19 at 5pm; tours for “everyone” will be conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays tours (up to 20 total people at a time). Once they begin, Brian (the Construction Project Manager) would like to have a PC member for each tour to help maintain control of people; only adults will be allowed on the tour; no elevators are available for now, so participants must be able to climb steps; 1 spot will be open for Pastoral Council members for each tour.

*A recommendation was made to have a post-tour reception with Vision 2020 brochures and a donation QR code available. Julie volunteered to create a flyer based on information provided by Father John/Gina. Each tour will have a post-tour reception.

*Participation in the tours will be made available via a SignUpGenius; tours will occur on Sep 26, 29 (reception in SVDP), Oct 3, 6, 10, 13; and Sunday Oct 15). All tours will begin at 5pm.

b. Fund raising progress – Father John is finalizing the new Vision 2020 letters that will be sent to 3 groups of people (those who have been giving and are still giving; those who completed their Vision 2020 pledges and stopped contributing to the Vision 2020 fund; and regular tithers who have not contributed to vision 2020). Cindy, Christine, and Gina helped create the lists.

*Father John will not be sending letters to Registered Parishioners who are not tithing or giving towards Vision 2020 (he said a letter was sent to this same group a year ago and no responses were received).

*Some letters will be personalized by Father John.

*Father John requested help stuffing envelopes (Carolyn, Paul, Julie, and potentially Greg volunteered to stuff envelopes on Friday starting at 10am)

*Father John will be conducting Vision 2020 visits for ~40 families

*Father John approved Lorraine’s idea of a fundraising progress “thermometer” that will be displayed in the Pastoral Center Foyer; he also approved the recommendation for PC members to contribute to a video that will be accessible via ResConnection emails.

***RSPS Opening** – Two School Masses were conducted today, September 11; enrollment is good this year (30 higher than expected).

***Faith Formation** – starts this coming Sunday; due to some personal challenges, Susan Yost is finding it difficult to be fully engaged in leading Faith Formation – Mimi Arsenault is stepping in to assist

***Committees** -- Mimi Arsenault is helping more with Faith Formation, but she feels the need to step down from leading the Fellowship Committee – we need to identify a replacement to serve as Chair of the Fellowship Committee

*John Wilkin is the new Chair of the Social Justice Committee – John attended tonight’s PC Meeting and was welcomed by Father John and the PC

***Pastorate Picnic** – Father John was very complementary towards everyone who worked on the picnic. He thought it was a total success.

***Final Comments** -- Father John briefly discussed the **Sun Newspaper Editorials** which referenced the recent Archdiocese letter/email describing the option for the archdiocese to declare Bankruptcy prior to October 1, 2023; he then explained what bankruptcy actually means and does not mean

*Father John also said parishes may be encouraged to join in the bankruptcy (and they may also be encouraged to pay a share of any legal awards that may be adjudicated); he also explained how many of the “buckets” of archdiocese money are restricted and cannot be used to pay legal awards; finally, he said archdiocesan lawyers are challenging the lifting of the statute of limitations

6. President’s Report

G. Maclean

*Gina revisited the **Vision 2020** discussion and how RSPS parents are not currently being solicited unless they are parishioners (Gina and others commented on how the school is benefiting from the construction; to date, however, Father John has been hesitant to reach out to RSPS regarding helping with Vision 2020 since RSPS will be paying for some of the construction costs; Father John made a commitment to discuss this topic with the RSPS School Board)

*Father John also commented on how RSPS charges “scaled” tuition for non-parishioners and non-Catholics (they pay more than registered parishioners)

*an email will also be sent to Resurrection ministry leaders encouraging “talking up” Vision 2020 (Gina and Lorraine will take the lead on this email)

***Church Dedication Reception & 50th Birthday Celebration**

*as noted previously, Mimi Arsenault is stepping down from the Fellowship Chair position

*the PC President is looking for one person to head up the Church Dedication Reception and a different person to head up the 50th Birthday celebration

*the Church Dedication Mass (in the renovated Church) and post-dedication celebration (in the renovated Hall) are scheduled for Friday May 17th

*the 50th Birthday celebration will probably occur no earlier than July – the exact date will be worked out by Gina and Father John

*It is our turn to host the **Joint PC Meeting with St. Paul** – the October 2nd PC Meeting will be Joint and will be conducted in the Tent

*desserts and beverages will be provided by our PC members; a couple of us will set up tables for the meeting (Greg will publish a SignUpGenius for desserts and setup/reset of the tent)

*Gina will publish an abbreviated agenda for this Joint Meeting.

***CAM follow up:**

a. a request was made to keep the Pastoral Center parking spot open on the East side of the tree (on Sundays so that wheelchairs and walkers could better negotiate

the sidewalk leading to the Pastoral Center); Father John agreed to stripe the first parking place in front of Pastoral Center

b. a request was also made to establish a phone RSVP capability for future events (for those parishioners who don't have email or internet access). Father John agreed to allow the Pastoral Center receptionists to accept telephonic RSVPs.

c. Follow-up of parishioners standing at the 9:30am Mass – the Liturgy Committee drafted an Info Paper that addresses this issue. For several good reasons, the Liturgy Committee does not recommend any changes to how parishioners are encouraged to fill empty seats.

***Pastorate Picnic** -- Lorraine Miano-Fike made several comments:

*she thanked everyone from the PC who participated in the picnic

*Lorraine estimated >400 participants

*Lorraine also commented that the picnic actually made money

*Mary's Land Farm was an amazing and very affordable location for the picnic

*there was great cooperation between both parishes; participation of various ministries was also amazing

*Mary's Land Farm personnel were very accommodating and easy to work with

*the picnic seemed to be very successful

*Areas for improvement were in the area of logistical planning – ensure someone is in charge of obtaining an accurate head count; standardize how to deal with money at the end of the event (free will donations and the final accounting of funds collected); have a parking plan that considers the Farm Store, handicapped parking, picnic logistic support vehicles, etc.

***Home and School Association (HSA)** – Stephanie West said the school was conducting a Pisa Pizza fundraiser on Thursday of this week

*she also announced the school will be conducting a campus cleanup this weekend from 9am to Noon

***Social Justice** – John Wilkin described a new Social Justice project

*there is an Afghan refugee family now living in Ellicott City; the International Red Cross and Luminus are settling them here after they originally escaped to Pakistan

*4 churches (St. John's in Columbia; OLPH; Church of the Resurrection; and St. Louis) are working with the families to get them quickly integrated into Ellicott City

*"Home of Our Own" provided furniture for the family

*the family has parents who are both physicians; they are being helped to validate their clinical credentials so they can practice medicine

*there was a discussion about designating a Sunday Poor Box collection for this family – no decision was made

***Events Under the Tent**

*the Knights of Columbus will host a "Catered by Maggiano's" **Italian Dinner** on September 29th – tickets are \$17 for Adults; \$10 for children 6-12yo; and free for

children <6yo. The Large Conference Room will be used to keep food hot before it is transferred to the Tent for serving. Soft drinks and water will be free; it is a BYOB event.

*the 2nd Annual **Trunk or Treat** will be conducted on Friday October 20th – this activity will be co-hosted by the Knight of Columbus, the Cub Scouts, and the PC

*Lorraine will explore having a **Kids movie on Friday November 10th** (or Friday November 17th since the tent has not been reserved for anything yet)

*Friday December 1st – the PC, Social Justice, and ACTS will co-host **“Cocoa, Caroling, and Caring”**

*Lorraine asked for PC members to consider which Event Under the Tent they could personally help organize

7. Adjournment and prayer

*a motion to adjourn was made and approved

*Father John gave the closing prayer

Next regular meeting October 2, 2023, in the Tent
(Joint Meeting with St. Paul Church PC)

NOTE: The PC approved these minutes electronically between September 19 and September 23.