

**Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday June 17, 2025
7:45pm – 8:30pm, Church of the Resurrection Hall**

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

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

Others in attendance

<u>Clergy</u>	
Fr. Andy Aaron	Pastor (P)
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy	Associate Pastor (P)
<u>Committees & Ministries</u>	
<u>Incoming PC Members</u>	
Kevin Bellamy	P
Michael Cain	P
Patricia Cirasole	P
Kathy Kraft	P
Sharon Lanza	P

1. **Call to Order** (PC President/VP) – Welcome to the final Church of the Resurrection FY25 PC Meeting; 7:46 pm
2. **Opening Prayer** by Fr. Andy
3. **75min Timekeeper Assignment/Volunteer** – Paul Reif
4. **Roll Call/Establish Quorum** (Recording Secretary, Carolyn Sherman) – quorum established
5. The **May 2025 Minutes** were approved electronically following the PC meeting conducted at Church of the Resurrection. They are posted to the CoR website.

6. **Approval of the PC Agenda** (PC President) – nothing was added for discussion.

7. **Spiritual Reflection** (PC President) – **I Corinthians 12: 1, 4-20, 27 (NIV)** Greg read the following scripture passage, then commented on how all PC members have been provided gifts to share with the parish, and all provide unique & diverse capabilities that allow them to represent their parishioners.

¹Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye,

where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Greg's Final Comment: we all have a part in the PC... the Holy Spirit moved us to be part of the council, and to be elected. We each have our own gifts to share.

8. **Welcome to New PC Members!** New members provided short introductions.
9. **Resurrection Pastor PC Nominations/Appointees (1-year terms)** – Fr. Andy will continue to consider whether additional appointees are needed on the council to fill any perceived gaps in diversity, capabilities, and/or gifts.

10. Pastor's Abbreviated Report/Update

Fr. Andy's comments centered on the pastorate goal setting meeting set for Saturday, June 28th, at St. Paul's, 8:45 to 10:45 am (may attend 8:00 am mass if you like).

Things Fr. Andy would like us to think about prior to the meeting: **How to overcome epidemic of loneliness, how to further build community** (examples such as ACTS, small groups in Youth Ministry, etc.). Other examples: Fr. Andy and Kate attended a workshop in Timonium; they learned that Church of the Nativity has over 1800 people enrolled in small groups! Added that the recently started bereavement group at Res was an additional way for people to connect; might also consider a caregiver's retreat, or perhaps simple lunches after 11:30 mass?

Also to think about: **What will make Mass a better experience?** Noted that at St. Paul, they've made the basement "kid-friendly" and as a result, Mass attendance by young families has increased. Fr. Andy noted that some parishes do giveaways (holy water, rosaries, holy cards are a few examples). He asked us to think about things we have seen at masses over the years which may have touched our hearts; even if it seems "silly," it just might be the next good idea.

Fr. Andy noted that at one parish, parishioners gave examples of what they did at their homes to increase their faith – made a great resource.

Fr. Andy says he continues to strive to be a good listener; he has been with us a year now; again, he is not looking to make big changes; he is just always looking for ways to grow friendship, connection, and faith within the pastorate.

a. **Pastoral Activities (Past and Upcoming)** – none discussed.

b. **Parish and Pastoral Council Vision, Goal-setting Session June 28th, St. Paul CNE, 8:45am – 10:45am** (plus Daily Mass at 8am in St. Paul Church for those able to attend). See discussion above.

11. **Review of PC Committee Reports** – Highlights from Youth Ministry report from Shannon Turlik: about 125 teens (and about 25 accompanying adults) will participate in workcamps this summer; Confirmation prep opens in June. Church of the Resurrection is in “wave three” for transitioning to the lower Confirmation age of 9yo, so will not see any changes for another year.

12. **Pastoral Council Business**

a. **Old Business – PC President/VP**

1) A PC Meetings coordinated request was submitted for Resurrection and St. Paul PC Meetings – Greg coordinated with Mary Margaret Hague and Maria Grove. Meetings will be posted to Resurrection calendar by the end of June (St. Paul Meeting dates have already been posted to the St. Paul calendar).

2) **2025 Res-St. Paul Fall Festival** now scheduled for Saturday October 18th. New scheduling conflict “appeared” on the Resurrection calendar for October 17 which could hamper setup plans (RSPS AoB MAP Training). Fr Andy will look into this conflict. Aside from fellowship, the FF is a fundraiser (proceeds are split between the two parishes and the school).

b. **New Business – PC President/VP**

1) **Bingo:** 4 local Knights of Columbus Councils will host a bingo event in the Resurrection Hall and Coffee Lounge on July 18. Advertising will be occurring in the Resurrection Bulletin and ResConnections emails. Profits will go towards the purchase of an Ultrasound Machine for the Columbia Pregnancy Center. Greg noted that they hope to reach the \$20,000 mark, which will allow them to purchase the machine and the accompanying maintenance plan.

2) **Pastoral Council “Training” and Fiscal Year Goal Setting Saturday June 28th, 8:45am –10:45 am** (note change from 11:45 to 10:45) at the St. Paul CNE (**Mass is at 8am**). Fr. Andy and Becki Kaman will lead the session

3) **PC Corresponding Secretary** as maintainer of the Parish Ministries POC roster? Fr. Andy said that the new staff members are settling nicely into their roles, and, as such, he will ask the staff to maintain the ministries list, to be updated every August. Greg will provide Fr. Andy the current list.

4) Update on Clergy Ordination Anniversary Recognitions (Cathy Parrish unable to attend.) Both Fr. Andy and Fr. Paul were very thankful for the card and gift that Cathy had presented them. All Res-St. Paul Priests and Deacons will receive Ordination Anniversary gifts.

5) Pastorate Picnic Aug 24th. Sunday. Centennial Park, Pavillion H, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Reminder that there will be *10 slots at the Welcome Table for Pastorate PC members only*. Sign Up Genius has been shared with FY26 PC members. N.B.: There had been some issues with the SUG – believe it's now up to date; PC members should re-visit and sign-up to serve.

c. **New Councilor at Mass (CAM) Feedback Review** (from May 3-18 Masses)

- positive feedback on greeter ministry; especially nice having families as greeters
- How can people “plug in” to a parish group? Lorraine has heard this at least twice in May. She suggested CAM should try to be prepared for this type of question by becoming familiar with the many groups we have; Fr. Paul suggested making *tri-fold brochures* to have available to pass out.
 - Brad suggested offering a quarterly meeting for new parishioners; Kathy added that tours of the campus might also be beneficial at such a meeting. Julie offered that meeting with new parishioners at/after mass would probably be preferable over at-home meetings; *maybe establish a QR code to link to activities list*. Also, maybe hand out a Res mug to new parishioners? One PC member noted that when she had registered with the parish, there was not much in the way of outreach. Are there other “typical” things that come up in CAM? *Perhaps compile them so CAM can be prepared to address them in the form of FAQs*.
- Revisited noise issues in Gathering Space during mass. Liturgy Committee chair Roy Harris polled the Head Ushers and reported that the 5:00 pm, 7:30 am and 11:30 am masses don't usually have issues. The 9:30 am mass does typically have around 20 people in the Gathering Space during mass – some are families with small children, but there may be people out there who, for various reasons (perhaps health issues), may feel more comfortable being around fewer people. At present, Head Ushers use their discretion at closing doors (some or all doors). *PC members enthusiastically endorsed/requested having weekend Masses livestreamed to available monitors in the GS and coffee lounge*. This way if doors need to be closed, those attendees in the Gathering Space can both see and hear the Mass. Fr. Andy will coordinate with Stephen Lay and Martin Fienkeng to try to make this happen. If/when this happens, doors could be closed just before the 1st reading (which allows for latecomers).

d. **HSA Update (Sara Thomas)** – unable to attend

e. **Previous/Unresolved CAM Feedback Items** – “Resolved’ items are carried in the minutes for 2 months, then be removed. There was no objection to this proposal.

- 1) Whereabouts of the Large Painting of the Empty Tomb that was previously hung over the altar (Gina) – in progress
- 2) Sandwich Boards asking Parishioners to use Hall Doors for Masses (and not to use the old, concrete steps) – in progress. There is a weather resistant sandwich board sitting in the electrical room next to the Large Conference Room. Has a weighted bottom – would be good to use for icy stairs situations. – Resolved
- 3) Road cones to block concrete stairs during inclement weather – in progress
- 4) Sound quality issues in Nave and in Gathering Space during Masses – Stephen will be working this issue – in progress
- 5) Lack of feminine hygiene product receptacles in female restrooms near Coffee Lounge and Gathering Space – receptacles have arrived. Awaiting the installation of bags/liners by Kevin Skerry. In progress

12. **Items Added to the Agenda** (during agenda approval, item #6) – none

13. **Items Recommended for Future PC Discussions:** the outgoing PC President recommended the Resurrection Parish FY26 Budget be an agenda item for the September PC meeting.

14. **Adhoc comment:**

Greg crafted an updated Vision 20/20 thermometer; it first appeared in late March; an updated version will appear in the late June/early July bulletin. Fr. Andy believes some additional principal (above monthly mortgage payment) may be made this summer.

15. **Farewell to PC members** *Gina Maclean, Lorraine Miano-Fike, Bill Judy, Martin Fienkeng, and Greg Jolissaint – many thanks for your years of service!!*

16. **Closing Prayer** -- Tom Lauer

17. **Adjournment. 8:55 pm**

Post-Adjournment Activities: FY26 PC Executive Committee Elections.

Congratulations to the following:

Tom Lauer – President
Brad Weiss – Vice President
Carolyn Sherman – Recording Secretary
Kathy Kraft – Corresponding Secretary

The incoming and outgoing PC members present then enjoyed food and fellowship at a light/late-night dinner in the Hall.

Next PC Meetings:

Saturday June 28, 8:45am – 10:45am – Pastoral Council Training and Goal Setting in the CNE for **FY26 Resurrection PC Members** (Becki Kaman and Fr. Andy to facilitate). Daily Mass at 8:00am, St. Paul Church.

NOTE: There are no scheduled PC Meetings in July or August (to allow for vacations)

Tuesday September 16, 6:15pm - 7:30pm, St. Paul Center for New Evangelization

Tuesday October 21, Time TBA, Resurrection Space **TBA** (Joint PC Meeting)

Future Items for Discussion:

- 1) FY26 Budget Update/Snapshot
- 2) PC Transition Plan for Pastoral Council, Parish. What, if any, changes should be made, and if any changes, be sure to keep parish informed. Goal setting will allow us to focus more on big picture items (evangelization, outreach, etc.)
- 3) Relocation of dumpsters (Martin Fienkeng, Rick Murray)
- 4) Security monitoring of Church Foyer & Hall during weekend Masses (Martin Fienkeng)
- 5) Review of Parish Recycling Efforts -- Sara Thomas (HSA), Julie Winpisinger (PC), and Colleen Guler (Sustainability Committee)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Sherman, PC Recording Secretary