

Church of the Resurrection
 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2023
The Peroutka Home, Woodstock, 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	P
Julie Winpisinger	P

Others in attendance

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

1. The December Meeting of the Pastoral Council was called to order by the PC President, Gina Maclean, at 7:26pm.
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 PC had a brief discussion regarding the November 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Following the discussion, the November 27, 2023, Draft of the November 2023 PC Minutes was unanimously approved by the PC.
5. The **Pastor's Report** was provided by Msgr. John Dietzenbach, Pastor of Church of the Resurrection and the St. Paul Church Pastorate.

a. Vision 2020 status

- *construction is on schedule

- *tours have been well attended. Post-Tour receptions are appreciated by those who participated in the tour and the reception; these same people also enjoyed visiting the St. Vincent DePaul Center.

- *Lorraine Miano-Fike reported Stephen Lay is working with Christine Lederer to create a Vision 2020 fundraising graphic – the graphic will be a stained glass window that transitions to full color from bottom to top as quantifiable progress is made toward the fundraising goal.

- *Father John reported that through September 2023, \$800K was received in “new” gifts and pledges. And since September 2023, \$550K in cash and \$230K in pledges have been received.

- *memorials/designated contribution -- \$693K in cash and \$339K in pledges have been received towards items available for memorialization

 - *\$70K in organ shares are still available

 - *~40 pews are also available for Memorialization donations

- *Father John reported the latest Vision 2020 campaign is going well – many parishioners have been very generous; some of the Vision 2020 donations have actually come from St. Paul parishioners.

- *Father John’s home visits have been productive (~20 of 40 have thus far been completed)

- *construction “change orders” continue to frustrate Vision 2020 fundraising efforts; Father John continues to believe and express that some of these change orders should have been anticipated by the architect from the beginning.

- *the old/remaining T sections may now require painting – the Construction Company wants \$40K-50K to paint the T sections and make them the same color as the exterior surrounding areas. A long-lasting stain/non-peel paint would be used (the paint seeps into the concrete). According to several PC members, the T sections currently look like “raw cement” and contrast with the surrounding new construction. No decision has been made on this issue (yet).

- *~5 months of payments to the Construction Company will need to be borrowed since we have exhausted actual Vision 2020 funds.

- *however, there are contingency funds and allowance funds that should be returned to us once the construction is completed.

- *Cathy Hanks reported that of the 6 donated stained-glass windows containing family memorialization names, 5 families have been found. Their names and “stories” are being captured by Cathy Hanks and Helen Gross.

b. Advent and Reconciliation Services

- *Next week St. Paul will conduct Reconciliation Services on Monday and Wednesday; Resurrection will conduct Reconciliation Services on Tuesday; and both Churches will have Reconciliation Services on Saturday

c. Christmas Eve Mass schedule

*there will be a normal Saturday Vigil and Sunday AM Mass schedule on December 23rd and December 24th

*Christmas Eve Masses will occur at 4pm (Fr. Paul in the Tent; Fr. Hamilton in the Chapel), 6pm (Simulcast into the Chapel), 8pm (Simulcast into the Chapel), and 10pm (Simulcast into the Chapel).

*Christmas Eve Mass parking – the Resurrection Knights will support Safe Parking Management for the 4pm Mass and for the initial parking of 6pm Mass participants; the Knights will attempt to segregate those attending the 4pm Chapel Service from those attending the 4pm Tent Service for the stadium parking area (since it is likely these services will end at different times).

*Stephen Lay will be publishing “Christmas Eve Parking Guidance” in both the Weekend bulletins and in ResConnection emails.

*Regular Mass times will be scheduled on Christmas morning

d. **St. Paul Fundraising Capital Campaign** (HVAC and Church Steeple). St. Paul has mostly achieved their fundraising goal of \$400K and they are still collecting donations.

e. **Bankruptcy budgeting** – Fr. John will suggest to the Pastoral Center Staff and the PC that we begin budgeting for the insurance premiums for future payouts starting July 1, 2024.

6. The **Pastoral Council President’s Report** was provided by Gina Maclean

a. **Committee/ministry reports** – reports were submitted for Adult (Kate K.) and Family (Susan Y) Faith Formation as well as the Youth Ministry (Shannon T). The PC appreciated the thoroughness of the reports

*one clarification was requested from Susan Yost regarding the Pancake Supper on Mardi Gras Day (the location and identification of the Knights of Columbus Council who would be supporting the event).

b. **Events Under the Tent in 2024**

*Caroling and Cocoa Dec 1 – Martin Mullan reported this was a very successful event. There were crafts for kids. The ACTS ministry was well represented and there was good attendance by PC members. The Social Justice Committee was also pleased with the outcomes of the evening.

*No events are scheduled in January (anticipating cold weather resulting in poor attendance).

*Lorraine is working with Mary Reif, the new Fellowship Chair, to ascertain the viability of hosting a “Fish Friday” event on February 23rd. A small group will meet on Tuesday December 5th to finalize plans.

*the March Tent Event will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 15th (ACTS Ministry is in charge).

*the April Tent Event will be the SSSMILE Village Dinner April 19th. Joe Thomas and the Social Justice Committee have the lead.

*the PC will partner with RSPS for their May Fun Run.

- c. The PC President led a brief discussion regarding the planning for and suggested main agenda items for January's PC meeting:
- What will be the vision and direction of fellowship and other activities for our new space?
 - What sort of general events -- social, spiritual, musical, etc. -- do we envision hosting after construction (accounting for the Hall, the Coffee Bar, and the main Gathering Space outside of the Church doors)?
 - How will our new space affect the planning and execution of events?
 - What events are our current ministries already planning/wanting to conduct (Fellowship, Knights of Columbus, Men's Club, Catholic Daughters, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, ACTS, Liturgy, Young Adult Ministry, Open Arms, the Rescue Project, Scouts, HSA, RSPS, etc.)?
 - The PC President will ensure a carefully crafted invitation is sent to invitees to the January PC Meeting – and the invitation will include a short description of the available spaces that can be used post-construction.
 - Since this could be a well-attended PC meeting, Gina will reserve the tent as backup for the Large Conference Room.
- d. The PC then conducted a brainstorming session regarding **potential volunteers** who could lead:
- **Fall Fest** – first Saturday of October – Chair (co-Chairs) needed; Four potential names were discussed. The PC President and the Pastor will discuss further.
 - **50th Birthday Celebration** – March through November 2024. Chair needed; Father wants to talk to a particular person about this leadership opportunity.

7. **Cathy Hanks** then reported on several items related to **2024 activities**:

*the only written Parish History is a brief, <2 page document from the 1990s. Cathy and Helen Gross are working on a more detailed, multi-page history document.

*Stephen Lay will be placing a 50th Anniversary Banner on the Bulletin throughout CY2024

*Display "Nooks" are being built into the Coffee Lounge Wall. These Nooks will allow a rotational opportunity to display various items of interest; the first items to be displayed will be historical pictures of the parish

*the Gathering Space has a waist-high counter that is being called the "Information Desk" – the Information Desk will be staffed on weekends. Cathy

and others will be re-creating Visitor folders that will be available at the Information Desk and ready for our May 17th Dedication Mass – Cathy will need PC help with the Church of the Resurrection ministries and organizations document she handed out at the meeting (Cathy requested feedback regarding the contact information for the ministries – fill in what we know and return to Cathy in January)

8. CAM Feedback:

- a. someone asked about volunteering to help with BP Screening. That person’s name and phone number will be provided to Cindy Desrochers.
 - b. a parishioner recommended changing the “Prayer for Peace in Israel” to a “Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.” Father John said he would get this done (and he will also ensure Father Paul understands the change).
 - c. one parishioner asked about items and links that could be found on the Resurrection website (specifically the section describing the Open Arms Ministry that contains references and links to Fr. Martin and PFLAG). “Outreach.faith” is an approved Catholic LGBTQ resource and website; only the Howard County PFLAG is listed and linked to the Resurrection website. The PC will follow-up with this parishioner -- no other action is required regarding this feedback.
9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Pastoral Council’s December Meeting was unanimously approved for adjournment. The Meeting was officially adjourned by the PC President at 9:08pm. The PC President then led the PC in the recitation of the Our Father prayer.

NOTE: Since the first Monday in January is January 1st, the January PC meeting will be conducted on January 8th

Respectfully submitted by Greg Jolissaint, Pastoral Council Recording Secretary

NOTE: These minutes were electronically approved by the Resurrection PC on/about December 15, 2023