

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019

In Attendance: Monsignor John Dietzenbach, Thomas Brandt, Laura Glaudemans, Kathy Kraft, Roy Harris, Gina Maclean, Ted Rieve, Jeananne Sciabarra, Mathilda Fienkeng, Linda Howard, Debby Jolissaint, Lorraine Miano-Fike, Roy Harris, Mary Ann Dunlay (Fellowship), Barbara Watson (Social Justice)

Visitor: Mary Reif

Absent: Luke Vogel, Faith Fiocco

1. Call to Order: The President, Thomas Brandt, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m., and Gina Maclean offered the opening prayers.
2. Roll Call/Quorum – Recording Secretary, Mathilda Fienkeng, determined that a quorum was present.
3. Minutes – The February 2019 minutes were approved.
4. Pastor’s Report - Msgr. Dietzenbach
 - a. Building Update:
 - i. Meetings on the project are ongoing. A decision was made regarding the placement of stairwell that separates the school from the church. Some space will be lost in the music room to accommodate the stairwell; however, it was the best of the options considered.
 - ii. Conditional Use plan meeting scheduled for March 18, 2019, will be held in the church hall and all neighbors to the parish are invited to attend.
 - b. Personnel Update:
 - i. The Parish contracted a landscaper to remove some trees around the property. One day of work scheduled for now, with the option to reassess the need for more work thereafter.
 - ii. Laura Nisonger, the Parish Event Coordinator, will retire at the end of the month. No replacement will be hired at this time. Helen Gross will also be retiring at the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Cindy Desrochers will take over the scheduling of events and rooms, and Carol Bradley will perform the tasks of inputting the weekly envelopes.
 - iii. “Sponsor Couple” training in the new marriage preparation program by the Archdiocese is scheduled for March 20, and 27, 2019 at Resurrection. Any other volunteers are welcome.

- iv. ACTS retreat for Women held this weekend. The feedback provided by Kathy Kraft was very positive and encouraging as she noted that attendees expressed how they feel about God and voiced the impact on their spiritual journey. Debby Jolissaint was a retreatant and noted that the retreat surpassed all her expectations.
- v. Confirmation at St. Paul's was a success with two Masses and 48 candidates.
- vi. JD Johnson is the new Chair for the Development Committee, taking over from Pam Schmidt.
- c. San Bartolo, El Salvador February 11-14, 2019 visit: Gina Maclean, Barbara Watson, and Msgr. John
 - i. Overall, it was a successful and great trip. The new library was beautiful and was dedicated to Msgr. McGovern
 - ii. Msgr. John met with the Archbishop of El Salvador who was appreciative of our help.
 - iii. The team had a night tour of the local Cathedral. They also visited other chapels in the parish boundary. However, they could not visit the neighborhood where we built houses because it is closed off due to violence and gang activities. There are still isolated instances of violence. The Health clinic is still up and running but with shortages of medicines, a situation that is worse than before. The clinic is no longer managed or owned by the Parish.
 - iv. There are major issues with physical structures of the Church and there is a need for assistance in resolving these. The School is greatly expanded and there is a potential for another visit at the school. The team met the new pastor who is currently covering two Parishes as the only priest, which is a challenge. The local Parish Council met for the first time when they met with the team from Resurrection. We will continue our mission the need persists.
 - v. The library is a great point of pride, but it still needs to be furnished, and financial assistance is necessary. Any scholastic credits from teachers and others will be appreciated to use in buying Spanish books for the library. There is a need for books for teenagers (expand on literature books) and non-text books. The opportunity to collaborate with the local university to get help with services, such as cataloging, is being explored.
 - vi. A rough cut of the video with highlights of the visit was viewed by the Pastoral Council members in attendance at the close of the meeting.

5. President's Report: Thomas Brandt

- a. Election Committee: Plans are on target and nominations are underway. Council members were encouraged to invite parishioners to consider running for the Council.
- b. Fish Friday: Pastoral Council will be serving at the March 29, 2019. All positions are filled. Announcements will be on display.
- c. Lenten pulpit reflections by parishioners: Well received with positive feedback.
- d. Letter from the Pastoral Council to the Archbishop: The revised draft letter to the Archbishop was reviewed and final concurrence granted with a few proposed edits.

- e. Pastoral Council members signed a greeting card of encouragement to the new Director of Religious Education, Savannah McCarty-Gibson. Thomas Brandt will present the card to her.

6. Committee and Department Reports

- a. *Available upon request.*

7. Adjournment and Prayer

The meeting closed with the Our Father at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mathilda Fienkeng

Next regular meeting – April 1, 2019 at 7 pm

Opening prayer for April – Jeananne Sciabarra