

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019

In Attendance: Monsignor John Dietzenbach, Fr. Ross Conklin, Laura Glaudemans, Kathy Kraft, Roy Harris, Ted Rieve, Jeananne Sciabarra, Faith Fiocco, Mathilda Fienkeng, Linda Howard, Debby Jolissaint, Lorraine Miano-Fike, Roy Harris, Mary Ann Dunlay (Fellowship), Barbara Watson (Social Justice)

Guests: Diane Gibbons-Lesko, Cathy Hanks

Absent: Thomas Brandt, Gina Maclean, Luke Vogel

1. Call to Order: The Vice President, Laura Glaudemans, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and Fr. Conklin offered the opening prayers.
2. Roll Call/Quorum – Recording Secretary, Mathilda Fienkeng, determined that a quorum was present.
3. Minutes – The January 2019 minutes were approved with correction.
4. Pastor’s Report - Msgr. Dietzenbach
 - a. Building Update:
 - i. Still meeting with architect on a regular basis. Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2019 in parish hall from 7 pm – 8:30 pm for “Conditional Use Plan”. It will be open to the neighborhood for comments to our proposed plans. Tom Young is a parishioner and PM for this project.
 - ii. Placement of the stairway that separates the school and the church is still being decided because the planned location of the new stairwell will impact the location where all the wiring for the school come up to. Alternate option being considered will be very expensive and take up part of the music room. Currently, other options are being evaluated.
 - iii. Msgr. John said Mass at St Paul Parish this weekend and Monday morning Mass at 8 AM and all went well.
 - iv. Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries 2019 collection is scheduled for this weekend.
 - v. Msgr. John, Gina Maclean and Barbara Watson will travel to San Bartolo, El Salvador February 11 – 14, 2019 for the inauguration of the new library and the local bishop will be attendance.
 - vi. Archbishop Lori put out a statement about racial justice and it was in the Catholic Review.
 - vii. A GiFT Program in the next 3 weeks will be on race. It is a multipart series that is put on every year and Pastoral Council members are encouraged to

promote it. It will hold at the chapel 6:30 pm – 8 pm February 10, 17, and 24 2019.

- viii. Archbishop Lori put out a statement about implementing a policy in the Baltimore Archdiocese regarding any abuse by bishops and how it will be implemented. It is to hold bishops to the same standard as priests. This is proactive and encouraging. He also said he had asked that the independent review board should provide its results to parishioners in the archdiocese.
 - ix. Letter from the Pastoral Council to the Archbishop: Lorraine drafted a letter to be sent to the Archbishop. First to appreciate his leadership and proactive steps, and to inquire about a response to our previous letter to him. We discussed the content and Lorraine will revise with the feedback received and send for review.
 - x. Food for the Soul dinner: The Fellowship Committee expressed gratitude to all who volunteered. Between 152 – 155 people attended, and it was a great atmosphere, with very positive and spontaneous feedback.
- b. Personnel Update: There has been no response to the Maintenance job announcement. We will hire a maintenance person on a per project basis.

5. President's Report: Laura Glaudemans

- a. Election Committee: No communication or activity yet. Plans are on target and the committee will meet.

6. Committee and Department Reports

- a. Liturgy Committee Report – Cathy Hanks:
 - i. See appendix 1 for full report
 - ii. Mass attendance down 4% the year before last, and last year, it was down 1%. Currently, attendance is the same as last year.
 - iii. Started collecting data on daily Mass and rosary. Over 800 people come to daily Mass every week year-round.
 - iv. Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) Training scheduled for February 18, and 24 in the Parish.
 - v. Lay Christian Testimony: Meeting scheduled for Thursday at Diane's home with those who are interested in attending. Resources that are being looked at include parishioners from ACTS retreat and others who are interested. The Vetting process of those who offer to talk, will be done by one of our priest. Msgr. John wants speakers to be diverse to reflect our parish and that each week we need a theme and the speaker will focus on the same theme. Msgr. John will invite some identified members. Five Sundays, 6 Masses, with a target of 20 people. The talks will be 2-3 minutes and will be done right after communion.
 - vi. Prayers suggested (at the January Pastoral Council Meeting) to be read at the end of the Prayers of the faithful were reviewed by Msgr. John and Fr.

Conklin. They summarized the 4 petitions in the proposed prayers and came up with 4 petitions and will be included in the next 4 weeks (one each week.)

- b. See other Reports – Appendix 1

7. Other Announcements

- a. Other – Kathy Kraft shared results from a 98 pages long survey of Catholic women. The results of this survey discussed a model from a St Thomas Moore Parish in Texas which started a Catholic Single parents association and have a monthly meeting with free childcare – support. She suggested we explore something like this for our parish to evangelize and keep these women and their children. Kathy has a contact person for this Parish in Texas and will contact them get feedback from them on how they started, and more details on the program.
- b. Fish Friday – Pastoral Council is responsible for serving on March 29, 2019.

- 8. The meeting closed with the Our Father.

Respectfully submitted by Mathilda Fienkeng

*Next regular meeting – **March 4, 2019 at 7 pm***

Opening prayer for February – Gina Maclean

Appendix 1

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February 2019 Department and Committee Reports

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(KATE KLEINTANK AND CINDY DES ROCHERS)

YOUTH MINISTRY

(KENN DE MOLL AND SHANNON TURLIK)

RESURRECTION –ST. PAUL SCHOOL

(KAREN MURPHY)

SPECIAL EVENTS

(LAURA NISONGER)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(PAMELA SCHMIDT)

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

(MARY ANN DUNLAY)

The *Food for the Soul* parish free-will dinner will be on Saturday, February 2 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. We're hoping for good weather!

Fellowship volunteers will decorate for the Men's Club's Irish Gala on February 23.

Fish Friday dinners start on March 15 and continue on March 22, 29 and April 5.

Our next Committee meeting is Thursday, February 21 (delayed one week because of Valentine's Day).

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(CHRISTINE LEDERER)

**LITURGY COMMITTEE
(CATHY HANKS)**

At the request of the Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee reviewed proposals for additions to the Universal Prayers for the month of February and for a special presentation on the five weekends of Lent. A summary of our discussions was forward to Msgr. John.

Ten new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were trained in November and two more training sessions are planned for February. We still do not have sufficient lay volunteers to cover all positions for communion for some of the Masses.

Activities of the Committee in December and January also included continuing our efforts to document our policies and procedures. A major update to the manual for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is in final review and guidelines for several volunteer positions for daily Mass have been drafted. Checklists for the Masses during the Advent/Christmas season were completed.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(RICK MURRAY)**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
(BARBARA WATSON)**

St. Vincent DePaul – Peggy (report via email): SVDP helped Mt. Hebron High to provide abundant food and some small gifts to more than 100 families. Donations from Barbara Rieve and the Knights was given out to families. Some items were given to the Women’s Thrift Shop for people in need who come there.

Gina asked all the participants of a field hockey tournament to bring nonperishable food to this event. Scott Maclean and Jack Nieberding delivered the food into the pantry. It took three volunteers to organize the food while giving out food to families last Wednesday. It is the largest food donation by one person besides the scout drive. Thank you to Gina Maclean.

Fr John mentioned that construction on the SVDP addition to the Pastoral Center will start on 2019.

San Bartolo – Gina: A small delegation will be going to El Salvador to check out the new library in February. Gina will assess whether there is capacity for more books to help determine if book donations will continue. The delegation will meet the new pastor and see how long the principal, Rudy, plans to remain. The trip will help inform how/whether the parishes’ relationship continues.

Library/Book Sale – Don (report via email): Don has contacted Discovery Books and is waiting to hear back that they can pick up the leftover books from the Used Book Sale. Once he hears back, he will publicize the dates.

Bridges – Jeananne: The chili cookoff will be held at the Great Room at Savage Mill on April 7.

St. Mary's – Bob (report via email): the profit from the olive oil sale was only \$189. Bob is discussing with the subcommittee whether the sale is worthwhile as a fundraiser. The subcommittee feels that they need to hear from the new pastor about what is needed going forward. The committee will discuss more next month.

SSSMILE Village – Joe: Dinner ticket sales will occur the two weekends prior to Palm Sunday. Tickets are \$20. Joe plans to organize something after the 10:30 and 12:00 Masses for the weekend that Fr. Anthony is here – June 9. Current fundraising is for senior housing.

CRS Rice Bowl – Kathleen: The agenda still has Julie's name, which Barbara will update. Kathleen reached out to St. Paul's to find a liaison there and is waiting for the new Director of Religious Education at St. Paul's to start.

Backpacks/Turkeys/AAF – Barbara R.: The extra Christmas cards (3,500 were donated) were distributed to many organizations. Barbara W. reported to the pastoral council on all Christmas collections. Extra money was given to outreaches at St. Gregory's, St. Veronica's, and Corpus Christi. Feedback from Gloria at St. Gregory's was that the gift cards was a much better process than gifts and food donations. Elaine is preparing a thank you for the bulletin. Barbara will try to find out how many Resurrection families participated in Adopt-A-Family by getting the number of checks and number of EFT/credit card transactions. The AAF handouts were very helpful. Turkey collection was also very successful this year. Might want to get more Angel Tree children next year, as they were all taken very quickly.

Respect Life – Ted: March for Life is January 18; with 9:00 Mass in church, coffee and donuts, and a bus leaving at 10:15 am. There is money in the SJC budget for the bus, but they are asking for contributions as well. Ted will clarify.

Project Rachel – Pat: Materials are available now to post and distribute. One is now in the foyer of the Pastoral Center, outside the chapel. Pat will talk to Fr. John about posting one in the church foyer. Pat is seeking other places to post – perhaps local colleges.

MCC – nothing to report.

Sustainability – nothing to report.

Happy Helpers – Colleen (report via email): There was great support from Life Teen for wrapping the parish donations – 15 large bags of donations. Gina and her family went to help distribute. Each person received 5 or 6 Christmas gifts.

Prison Ministry – Barbara W.: Some of the extra donated Christmas cards were used to make Christmas decorations by the Girl Scouts and their incarcerated mothers. The scouts were able to take home the decorations.

Grassroots Day Resource Center – Barbara W.: January 16 is the next date for serving a hot meal for the homeless. Elaine will put it in Resurrection Connections. Kathleen suggested putting info in bulletin to let the parish know how it's going.

Communications – Elaine: The next SJ newsletter is under development, focused on the dignity of work and rights of workers. Elaine would like to get information from our international partners regarding conditions, wages, etc. She is also working on the new website, with a plan to beta test the site in April.

Pastoral Council Meeting – Ted, Jeananne, Gina: Ted provided a recap of the meeting.

Poor Boxes – Peggy (via email): Poorboxes have been assigned through April.

Next meeting: February 13. (NOTE: Committee decided by email to change next meeting to February 20, as Gina and Barbara will be in El Salvador on 2/13.)