

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2020

In Attendance:

Msgr. John Dietzenbach, Rick Murray, Ted Rieve, Lorraine Miano-Fike, Jeananne Sciabarra, Roy Harris, Cathy Hanks, Mary Reif, Laura Glaudemans, Mimi Arsenault (Fellowship), Barbara Watson (Social Justice), Gina Maclean, Faith Fiocco, Thomas Brandt, Rosanna Rensberger (RSPS), Debby Jolissaint

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Laura Glaudemans, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and Mary offered the opening prayer.
2. Roll Call/Quorum: Recording Secretary, Jeananne Sciabarra, determined that a quorum was present.
3. Minutes: The June 1 minutes were approved.
4. Pastor's report:
 - a. Things going smoothly with the reopening. Going to reinsert some music even though we will not yet be singing.
 - b. Staff updates - Alice going part-time (2 days/week) beginning August 1. Fr. Ray retires July 1. Sr. Dorothy at St. Paul is stepping down from RCIA, may continue some volunteer work.
 - c. First Communion are happening and will be having more in the fall. Bishops have given pastors ability to confirm, so there are 2 confirmations scheduled - August 8 and September 12.
 - d. Finance Committee meeting was postponed because of storms last Monday. Meeting Wednesday, 6/30. Christine has prepared the budget. It is lean for next year, but balanced. Fr. John will figure out how we can see it – either a brief meeting or via email.
 - e. Guidance coming July 9 from the archdiocese regarding reopening parish buildings.
 - f. The recent storm took down several trees and impacted the electrical lines running to the parish/school.
 - g. Rosanna reported that several task forces are working on plans for the fall. Teachers return August 24 and students August 31, but it is still unknown whether that will be virtual, in person, or some combination. RSPS raised money on Day of Giving to support tuition needs for students impacted by COVID. CARES Act funding allotted by HCPSS was originally going to be \$68/pupil for all students (333 at RSPS), then HCPSS changed it to Title I students only (17 students at RSPS). Rosanna is waiting for final guidance. HCPSS budget shows elimination of private school buses. Currently, RSPS gets 4 buses per day for 70 students.
5. President's report
 - a. Fr. Ray's retirement gift – Mary is handling the gifts, Gina got the gift card. Individuals can mail cards to St. Paul or Resurrection. Laura will talk to Stephen about announcing that there will be a

basket for cards at masses the weekend of July 11/12. Gina will present the gifts to him at 10:30 mass on July 5.

- b. Live-streaming mass – people have commented that there was more of a sense of community with Facebook live than there is with pre-recorded mass. Many council members said several people have reached out about this. Fr. John noted that staff discussed this recently. With several staff going on vacation for a few weeks, staff will revisit later.
 - c. Laura announced that Fall Festival has been cancelled and Larry Yap is looking for ways to make the Health Fair a virtual event.
 - d. Election update – Laura asked Ted and Lorraine to put out a last call for candidates with the hope of having an election sometime this fall. Barbara suggested that we reach out to people who have run previously to see why they aren't running again. Lorraine will coordinate this.
 - e. Racial justice update – Barbara noted that Wednesday's Resurrection Connections now has a racial justice component. Currently, we are advertising that Just Mercy is streaming for free on several platforms and there will be an online discussion on Wednesday, July 8, 7-8 p.m. This is open to all from Resurrection and St. Paul. If it is a large group, they will break into smaller groups of 5 or so, with facilitators in each small group. Kate is talking to Barry Simms from WBAL about doing an event on August 8 to discuss racial issues. The council discussed doing a summer reading on racial justice and chose *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. We will invite St. Paul's council to join us. Laura suggested creating a video or written message to the parish about the current activities around racial justice and wanting to ensure that everyone feels welcome at Resurrection. Jeananne will draft something for the council's consideration.
 - f. Sustainability – Jeananne and Barbara reported on the activities of the subcommittee. Matt Walch developed a list of questions and some recommendations for the building committee, which Jeananne passed on to Fr. John. Colleen received data on energy usage from staff. Fr. John noted that we are still waiting on conditional use plan from County so that the St. Vincent de Paul addition can begin. Meetings with the architect will resume when the plan is received. Jeananne suggested that someone from the Sustainability subcommittee serve on the building committee, either Matt Walch or Jeananne. Fr. John approved, but noted that meetings are during regular business hours. Some council members strongly encouraged Fr. John to provide regular updates to the parish on Vision 2020, even if those updates are simply that we are waiting for the county to respond about the conditional use plan. Parishioners have expressed concern about the lack of information.
 - g. The council agreed that we should meet next toward the end of August. We will follow up via email.
6. Adjournment and Prayer – Fr. John offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeananne Sciabarra

Next regular meeting—TBD.