

**Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025**

The Resurrection Pastoral Council gathered in the Center for New Evangelization, St. Paul Church, for its February meeting which began at 6 :15 pm.

Attendance :

P = Present E = Excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

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

Others in attendance

<u>Clergy</u>	
Fr. Andy Aaron	Pastor
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy	Associate Pastor
<u>Committees</u>	
Social Justice	John Wilkin
<u>Invited Guests</u>	

1. **Call to Order** by PC President, Greg Jolissaint
2. **Opening Prayer** by Fr. Andy
3. **75min Timekeeper Assignment/Volunteer** Paul Venginickal
4. **Roll Call/Establish Quorum** Recording Secretary, Carolyn Sherman, reported a quorum was present.

5. The **January 2025 Minutes** were approved electronically following the PC meeting conducted at Church of the Resurrection.
6. **Approval of the PC Agenda** (PC President) – no additions were requested or recommended; the agenda was approved
7. **Pastor’s Report/Update** (Father Andy Aaron, Resurrection Pastor) –
 - a. **Church of the Resurrection finances**
 - the “Expansion Fund Checking Account” is a restricted fund dedicated for use in helping pay the mortgage. At the end of December 2024, there was \$348K in this account. These funds have not been accessed yet since monthly donations have allowed the church to pay the full mortgage payment.
 - Fr. Andy added that currently only \$14K of the \$36K monthly mortgage payment goes towards principal. He would like to pay the mortgage principal as soon as possible, and this may require tapping into the Expansion Fund at a future date.
 - Fr. Andy also said families who have joined the parish since August 2023 (about 300 families) will receive letters explaining/requesting financial support for Vision 2020.
 - Recent Pulpit appeals for an increase in donations appears to be showing positive results.
 - b. **ACTS:** Fr. Andy is very supportive of the upcoming Women’s and Men’s ACTS retreats. He himself has not attended an ACTS Retreat, though he has attended Cursillo (a similar program).
 - c. **Staff Updates:**
 - Cathy Hanks, long time Liturgy member, will be moving overseas in March. The Liturgy committee is planning a farewell event for her – Greg will reach out to Roy to discuss potentially expanding this farewell event to more Church volunteers.
 - Business Manager Dan Bredice has stepped down; interviews are underway for his replacement – the replacement will be a full-time position.
 - Maintenance staff member Jim Emery is retiring; his replacement, James Dale, will be starting on March 3rd.
 - d. **Lenten Preparations:** there are a lot of well-publicized events going on during Lent; a snail mail will be coming out listing Lenten activities. Soup Suppers will be offered three Fridays in Lent starting March 14th.

8. Review of January PC Committee Reports – Corresponding Secretary, Lorraine Miano-Fike

- a. Children & Families Ministry; Sacramental Preparation (First Reconciliation & Communion) – Susan Yost
- b. Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation; Sacramental Preparation (Confirmation) – Shannon Turlik
- c. Middle School & Adult Faith Formation; RCIA; ACTS Retreats – Kate Kleintank

The Council appreciated the reports submitted. Of particular interest was the success of the Youth Ministry programs. It was noted that Lifeteen members attended the Champion's Initiative talk by Sean Fry in the church on Sunday, Feb 2nd and that the youth completely filled the right main section of the church! Individual teens offered opening prayers. Many parishioners (especially those whose children are grown) were astonished and delighted to see the large number of youth present. A suggestion was made that Fr. Andy might consider ways to further showcase youth activities.

9. Pastoral Council Business

a. Old Business – Greg

1) Social Justice/SVdP advertising now describes items not covered by WIC/Food Stamps. Greg thanked John Wilkin of Social Justice for making this happen.

2) Update on Purchase of new hymnals by Easter (Cathy Parrish) – to date, the church has received about \$17K in donations or about 70% of the overall goal. For a little bit more, Stephen will be able to purchase hymnals which also contain 3 years of readings. A recommendation was made for Fr. Andy to mention the hymnal drive in his Pastor's Corner. A council member asked if the hymnals with the readings (width and thickness) will fit in the pew pockets – Stephen assured us they would fit. Also, the question arose as to whether other communities (even overseas) could use old hymnals—the answer was “no” due to age of the hymnals and different customs/practices in other countries. The old hymnals will be offered to parishioners as souvenirs after the final Sunday mass that they are used.

3) Men's Club Irish Gala: Saturday February 22 in the Hall

4) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Tuesday March 4, 4pm – 8pm, in the Hall (Men's Club with help from the Resurrection Knights of Columbus) – Headcount

would be helpful for planning purposes; please sign-up to RSVP using the link in ResConnection emails.

5) *Ash Wednesday, March 5; 7:30 am, 5pm, and 7:30pm Masses*

6) Joint CoR/StP Pastoral Retreat Saturday March 8th, St. Anthony's Shrine – Julie Winpisinger, CoR, and Jay Rowley, StP (food; RSVPs; etc.). Email with details will be forthcoming.

7) Soup Suppers during Lent on March 14 (Fellowship Committee), March 28 (Social Justice Committee), and April 11 (Knights of Columbus)

8) Resurrection Knights of Columbus-hosted Parish Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 12 (Rain Date Sunday April 13); HSA will host a Milk and Cookies and Easter Coloring Book event in the Coffee Lounge immediately after the Saturday Easter Egg Hunt.

b. New Business – Greg

1) ACTS Women's Retreat – March 6-9

**Pulpit Talks?* Pulpit Talks were not required since all the Women's Retreat slots have been filled!

2) Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday – Thurs April 17 – Sunday April 20

3) ACTS Men's Retreat – April 24-27. Few men have signed up so far, but it's still early. There was some discussion about possibly taking a pause (maybe offer Men's retreat every other year), but it was concluded it is good to keep offering an annual retreat for the sake of consistency and predictability. Personal invitations seem to work well. Fr. Andy asked Tom Lauer to self-record an ACTS promotional video for sharing using the parish's communications venues (Tom agreed to do it).

**Pulpit Talks?* To be held 22 and 23 March

4) **SSSMILE Village Dinner** – April 26

*Social Justice Committee, Indian Community, Resurrection KofC

5) **April 29 PC Meeting** (not April 15)

6) **Pastoral Council elections should occur in April** (we need to determine the election dates; timeline; PC members to manage the election; etc.). We have 5 PC members whose term ends this summer. Paul Venginickal and Gina Maclean volunteered to serve on the PC Election Committee.

7) **PC Executive Committee** elections will occur at end of the June PC Meeting.

8) **Fall Festival 2025** – Fr. Andy endorsed continuing to conduct a Fall Festival. The date is TBD.

c. **New CAM Feedback Review** (from Jan 26 – Feb 16 Masses)

- 1) Loose handrail on indoor staircase — at the first flat landing, the handrail veneer is not secured in place. Greg will reach out to Kevin Skerry.
- 2) Lack of feminine hygiene product receptacles in female restrooms near Coffee Lounge and Gathering Space. Carolyn will reach out to the new Business Manager; Greg will reach out to Kevin Skerry.
- 3) Road cones/tape is needed to block concrete stairs during inclement weather. We noted that caution tape was recently draped around stair handrails to prevent access. Brad Weiss will follow up with Anne Talvacchio about acquiring additional slip-in signs for use in sandwich board sign frames.
- 4) Fundraising Goal Thermometer in Bulletin for Vision 2020. Fr. Andy supports going forward with this. Greg will obtain/provide a recommended graphic to Stephen for bulletin.
- 5) Lack of a Cry Room for Masses – can a Multi-Purpose Room (on ground floor) be used for this purpose? The response was not now since there is no audio capability in the MP Rooms. The Gathering Space is a good option, of course, though children’s happy voices can sometimes carry from the GS into the church, causing a distraction to those seated in the back rows. A suggestion was made to perhaps close some of the church doors while ensuring no one in the GS felt unwelcome. Fr. Andy will discuss the possibility of only having one door open during Masses with the Liturgy Chair, Roy Harris.
- 6) Baptisms during mass – some parishioners verbalized they miss having Baptisms conducted during Mass. Fr. Andy has assured us that the decision to have a baptism during mass or outside of mass is entirely up to the wishes of the parents.
- 7) A parishioner was concerned that the light color of wine currently used, combined with overhead lighting, make it difficult to determine the liquid level of the Sacred Blood when offered in the chalice; they were afraid they might spill it. Several PC members, who double as Extraordinary

Ministers of Holy Communion, have also observed this issue. While a darker color wine may make it more difficult to clean altar linens, fear of spilling the Sacred Blood is not a minor issue. Fr. Paul, who makes the wine purchases used for Communion, will look into this.

- 8) Can mass intentions (usually on page 3 of our bulletin) include intentions for both Resurrection and St. Paul? It appears there is adequate space to include both, and Fr. Andy believes it would be appropriate. Carolyn will reach out to Maria Grove at St. Paul and Stephen Lay at Resurrection to inform them of the discussion and the desire to include both Parish Mass intentions in both Parish bulletins.
- 9) Can Banns of Marriage and baptism announcements be included in the bulletin? PC members recalled seeing Banns of Marriage in years past; Fr. Andy felt that this practice was no longer observed. PC members didn't recall seeing baptisms in the bulletin in years past. This recommendation will not be pursued.

d. Previous/Unresolved CAM Feedback Items

- 1) Draft through Link Doors – Weather stripping has been installed on the handicapped entrance.
Additional discussion: The downstairs main foyer doors have recently been left open with kickstands, letting in a lot of cold air. The scenario may be that the kickstands are put in effect as mass lets out and no one restores them to the correct position. Carolyn Sherman will follow up with the Greeter Ministry chair, Carolyn Kuchinski. Fr. Andy will also contact sacristans to ensure they add this to their checklist.
- 2) Sandwich Boards asking Parishioners to use Hall Doors for Masses (and not use the old, concrete steps) – see discussion in 9.c.3) above.
- 3) Sound quality in Nave and in Gathering Space during Masses: this is an on-going being managed by Stephen.
- 4) Increase in Christmas Decorations next year. Flower Committee will plan next year's decorations well in advance, in consultation with an interior design expert.

11. **HSA Update** (Sara Thomas/unavailable, provided info in advance) Milk, cookies, and Easter Book coloring event will follow the annual Easter Egg Hunt!

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

13. Items Recommended for Future PC Discussions

- a. Fr. Andy reminded us of the special joint Pastoral Council brainstorming/goal setting session, with a facilitator, on Saturday June 7th.

14. **Closing Prayer** by Greg

15. **Adjournment:** at 7:30 pm.

16. **Next PC Meetings:**

Tuesday March 18, 7:45pm – 9:00 pm, Resurrection Large Conference Room

Tuesday April 29, 6:15pm – 7:30pm, Dohony Hall, St. Paul Church

Future Items for Discussion:

- 1) PC Bylaws (Greg and Gina)
- 2) Location of dumpsters (Martin Fienkeng, Rick Murray)
- 3) Security monitoring of Church Foyer & Hall during weekend Masses (Martin Fienkeng)
- 4) Review of Parish Recycling Efforts -- Sara Thomas (HSA), Julie Winpisinger (PC), and Colleen Guler (Sustainability Committee)

Notes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Sherman, Recording Secretary