

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting
Church of the Resurrection PC Minutes
Resurrection Hall Meeting Room
November 19, 2024

Attendance:

P=present. E=excused

Pastoral Council (voting members)

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

Others in attendance

<u>Clergy</u>	
Msgr. Andy Aaron - P	Pastor
Fr. Paul Kongnyuy - E	Associate Pastor
<u>Committees</u>	
Fellowship	Mary Reif
Liturgy	Cathy Hanks, Roy Harris
<u>Invited Guests</u>	

1. Prior to commencement of the Resurrection meeting, Kate Kleintank presented a briefing on Adult Faith Formation activities to a combined audience of St. Paul and Resurrection Pastoral Councils. Highlights included:
 - Reminder that, yes, our faith formation continues as adults. We may have received all our sacraments, but our faith journey is not over. Our formation lasts our entire lives; we should strive to be adult learners of our faith.

- There are many opportunities to participate. **Small Church Communities (SCCs)** meet in person, via Zoom, or a hybrid of the two. They may choose a book or videos to discuss, may choose an upcoming gospel to discuss, or may come up with a format that meets the interest of their group; duration is open ended (some have been in existence for years). **Bible Study Groups** – more formatted, typically is based on an existing program; may be a bit more academic in nature; duration is usually fixed (e.g., 4 weeks, 8 weeks, etc.) Other small groups, like **Walking with Purpose**, are more “feeling” than “facts.” **Church Mission** – a short program that has the feel of a retreat.
- Between Resurrection and St. Paul, there are at least 20 small groups.
- Kate has programs/platforms already purchased by the pastorate, such as **Formed, Word on Fire**, etc., which are available to parishioners.

Comments and questions from the floor:

- Perhaps consider making rides available for seniors who have mobility issues in order for them to attend small group programs.
 - How do we ensure that those leading small groups have been properly trained? Fr. Andy noted that as he is still new to our pastorate, names that are brought to his attention are shared with staff for input.
 - Tom Lauer plans to pilot the **Discovering Christ** program, to be offered to men of the parish. He has led it before with large groups, wants to try it with a smaller group.
 - A comment was made about previously held Discovering Christ offerings – the “life stages” of the various participants didn’t always mesh – should this be a consideration for future sessions?
 - How would an LGBTQ+ person be assured they would be welcomed into any of these groups?
 - Other programs to consider: **Life in the Spirit** (though is expensive)
2. **Call to Order** by VP Martin Fienkeng, at 8:05 pm.
 3. **Opening Prayer** was offered by Father Andy
 4. **75min Timekeeper Assignment/Volunteer** Gina Maclean

5. **Roll Call/Establish Quorum** Recording Secretary Carolyn Sherman reported that a quorum was established.
6. The **October 2024 Minutes** were approved electronically following the Joint PC meeting conducted at the St. Paul Center for New Evangelization.
7. **Approval of the PC Agenda** – No additional items
8. **Pastor's Report/Update**
 - a. Church of the Resurrection finances. Continuing concern with meeting the 36K monthly mortgage payment. Several members favored the recent pew pocket hand-outs which indicate the various ways of giving. It was noted that the QR code, however, makes you go through a registration process; perhaps a Venmo option could be added (handy for those who are perhaps visiting from out of town). The hand-outs will be in the pews for the next two weeks. Gina added that IRAs, end-of-year stock cash outs, and including Resurrection in one's will have been fruitful sources. Fr. Andy also mentioned that those new to the parish who missed out on the Vision 20/20 campaign are to receive letters making them aware of giving opportunities.
 - b. Staffing. One person has been hired as a part-time Business Manager—he starts 25 November and will be working 20 hours per week. Since he will not be covering all of Cindy's responsibilities, some of them will be handed over to existing staff. Karen Anderson is the new Youth Protection Coordinator and is already in place.
 - c. Brief discussion of a homily delivered by a Church of the Resurrection clergy member. Fr. Andy does not vet others' homilies. He did take the matter seriously and did hold a meeting with the clergy member.
 - d. 50th Anniversary Dinner & Dance. A great success!
 - e. Advent planning. Cathy Hanks reported that since brass wreaths run about 2 to 3K, we will instead use a small round table in front of the ambo, covered with greens and brass candleholders. No parish funds required. Advent meditation books will be available beginning at the 5:00 Mass on 30 November.

There are many opportunities for reconciliation during Advent as noted in a recent mailing to parishioners. Of particular note, a penance service, with 5

priests available for confessions, will be held on 17 December, 7 to 9 pm in the church.

9. Review of PC Committee Reports

- f. Liturgy Committee. After years of dedicated and and faith-filled service, Cathy Hanks is stepping down as chair of the Liturgy Committee. Thank you, Cathy, for leading us through the challenging years of Covid and the tent! We welcome her replacement, Roy Harris, who is no stranger to all things liturgy. Our parish is lucky to have these wonderful people give so freely of their time and talent.
- g. Fellowship Committee. Mary Reif passed around samples from the card ministry, headed by Marge Mazzone and Carol Bradley. These cards are truly works of art. If anyone would like to donate stamps to this ministry, please reach out to Marge or Carol.

Coffee and Donuts is going great and has recently been added after 11:30 mass. Mary is thrilled to report that these events are cost neutral.

Items are still needed for the reception after Thanksgiving Day mass. A signup genius has gone out via Flocknotes.

Fr. Andy's installation is on Sunday 12 January 2025 at the 11:30 mass. Archbishop Lori will preside; a reception will follow.

Soup Suppers will be a new event during Lent—this is something that Fr. Andy has seen in other parishes and is anxious to try here. Lent is a penitential time, a time of cutting back, making do with less. It was noted that parishioners have repeatedly asked about bringing back Fish Fridays – although it was unclear whether that is due to the particular menu or fellowship, or both.

Other groups/ministries have been reluctant to host coffee and donuts; the hope was that while hosting the event, it could also serve as awareness of and interest in joining that particular group. A possible reason for reluctance is that not everyone is versed in Safe Serve, the county food-hosting requirements. It was then noted that if a food-hosting event is not open to the public and is a free-will-donation event, the county has no role.

Tom Lauer added for consideration that things like ACTS pulpit talks could dovetail with coffee and donut events.

- h. Social Justice Committee. Gina Maclean reported that Cocoa and Caring will be held Saturday 14 December 5:45 to 7:30 pm in the Coffee Lounge; the

Advent Winter Collection drive (scarves, shirts, gloves, stuffed animals) will be held Sunday 15 December, before and after masses.

10. Pastoral Council Business

a. Fall Festival October 5th (Greg Jolissaint)

*Income -- \$31.8K

*2nd /hand Treasures -- \$6.45K

*Expenses -- \$8153

*Net Revenue -- \$23.6K

The net revenue is split between the 2 parishes and the school. Proceeds were down a little from previous years, but still a good take. 2nd Hand Treasures was very short of volunteers and almost didn't open – something to keep in mind for next year.

b. Resurrection Health Ministry Update. Cathy Parrish has taken over this ministry from Larry and Nikki Yap. Revisiting how to identify health care professionals at each mass. Rather than doing a whole formal thing like a sign-up genius, the group is currently simply identifying themselves to ushers before mass. The medical kit is well stocked and is in the closet behind the welcome desk. A transport chair is also available.

An AED sign is now easily visible at corner between Welcome Desk and gym.

Would like to host a Health Fair, previously organized by the Yaps, who have since moved. Discussions on that to follow. Was typically held in the fall.

c. Ministry Fair. All in favor. Since the event has not yet been scheduled, Cathy agreed to compiling a list of groups and their contact information – to be available at the Welcome Desk.

While this event has typically been hosted in the fall, there was some thought to breaking it up and spreading it out into 2 or 3 events throughout the year.

d. PC Bylaws – Greg and Gina – overlooked, re-visit in December.

e. Old CAM Follow-Up Items

1) Dedication Plaques on Front Door benches. Prior-to-renovation benches already had dedication plaques. When they were moved to the new plaza and additional benches were gifted, it was decided (Fr. Andy) that the new benches

could have plaques as well. The benches are the only items that will have dedication plaques.

2) Location of dumpsters: currently behind Pastoral Center. Would like to move to back row of parking lot near basketball hoops. A new concrete pad and walls would run about 25K. Martin Fienking, a civil engineer, offered to look into a less expensive option. There are currently carts available to run trash to dumpsters, but often they are not located where needed. Fr. Andy will ask Cindy Desrochers to add a line to the event check list: if groups need all trash transport carts available for a particular event, they will need to let maintenance know.

A follow-on item: table arrangement maps are needed for the hall and coffee lounge—so that spaces are put back to original layout after events. Mary Reif will reach out to the Business Manager (Cindy or her replacement).

f. Joint St. Paul and Resurrection PC Retreat—overlooked, re-visit in December.

g. New CAM Feedback Review (September - current)

1) Request for additional Holy Water holders near nave entry doors. The new, large holy water font at the entrance is sufficient. Side note: Cathy priced 5-gallon Holy Water vessels (for dispensing for home use) – will purchase and place in Gathering Space under AED sign.

2) Can communal prayers be added to the screens? Yes, but it's a work in progress. Some people have actually not been in favor of the screens. Changes should be made gradually. Several council members heard this same request.

3) Can Venmo be added to pew-pocket cards? QR code requires registration. If out-of-town visitor would like to make a donation, Venmo is friendlier. Cathy will look into this.

4) Can bells be added at consecration? While it has been a Resurrection tradition in not using bells, Fr. Andy is not opposed. He noted that when his assignment began, he purposely was mindful of being respectful of traditions, didn't want to make big changes, stir the pot. Use of bells is TBD.

5) Complaint about clunky offertory baskets. No other option, since long-armed baskets don't reach. Plus, kids like to actively participate by dropping their offering in the basket.

6) Some complaints about longer length of masses. Also, some comments about times of All Saints Day masses. There in fact were 5 masses for All Saints Day (between Res and St. Paul). With only 2 priests, we are thankful for all that they *are* doing for the two parishes.

h. HSA Update (Sara Thomas--absent)

11. **Additional Items Added to the Agenda** (during agenda approval, item #7--none)

12. Future Discussions:

- a. **Special Presentation on the Resurrection Sustainability Ministry** in December (Colleen Guler)
- b. **F/U of suggestions made during Joint PC Meeting in October**

13. **Adjournment.** Tom Lauer offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

14. **Next PC Meeting Tuesday December 3rd**, 6:15pm-7:30pm, at the St. Paul Center for New Evangelization. PC Christmas party will be arranged via email. The location is the VP Residence and the date is Tuesday December 10th. Details to come via email

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Sherman, Recording Secretary