

**Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
April 23, 2014**

Attendance

Present: Marcia Catalano, Carol Consolo, Laura Davis, Mark Dobrzynski, Lisa Frey, Dennis Olsheski, Mary Grace Poidomani, Mike Rubbo, Don Rynbrandt, Tom Schneck, Eileen Siebert, Dotty Smercina.

Late (RCIA): Father Mark Hobson, Terry Battaglia, Dori Ijams, Rick Ijams

Reflections on Lent

Members offered their thoughts on the liturgies and other events of Lent. To a person, members were moved by the sights and sounds of the season, particularly the services of the Triduum and most particularly by choir and musicians under the direction of Mark Ehrbar. For Laura Davis, Holy Thursday was déjà vu; she had her feet washed 10 years ago when she came to the Parish and again this Holy Thursday. Lisa, echoing others, expressed gratitude for being part of this faith community.

Council Priorities

Mary Grace Poidomani said work will begin after Easter on a “kiosk” in the Gathering Area to celebrate service by Parishioners and encourage them to get/remain involved.

Tom Schneck reported that two teams had been formed from 19 volunteers who signed up at the Service Fair to minister at the St. Augustine Hunger Center.

Tom continues to reach out to Aldersgate Methodist Church, and suggested that the Council try to find a project in Warrensville Heights on which the two churches could work together. Dotty Smercina is going to speak to the gentleman who set up Aldergate’s community garden about a similar project for Warrensville Heights.

Marcia Catalano is working on a program in which Parishioners would write to young men at the Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correction Facility. Some never receive mail or visitors.

Laura Davis will lead the first book club meeting at Cuyahoga Hills on May 5. The club will read and discuss “Watchers,” a novel by Dean Koontz.

Mike Rubbo reported that the ministry at Regency Hospital and UH Rehab is moving forward, with volunteers scheduled to be trained as Eucharistic ministers.

Recruitment for Parish Council

Chairman Mike Rubbo presented a detailed plan to encourage Parishioners to discern for Council, including bulletin announcements, speakers at Mass and tables manned by Council members after Mass. Dotty Smercina and Eileen Siebert encouraged members to approach possible candidates personally; that they had felt honored at being asked. Final discernment will be Wednesday, July 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Comments from the Pastoral Team

Father Mark said RCIA members still were excited and overjoyed at becoming new or fuller members of the Catholic Church and this faith community.

Lisa announced that the Parish will be doing a new directory next year.

Terry announced that Confirmation will be May 3 at the 5:30 Mass, and that Mission 2014 will hold a fund-raiser at Bob Evans in Solon on May 18.

Closing Prayer

Laura Davis offered the Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting

The Council next meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 21.

Faith Sharing will be led by Mary Grace Poidomani

Closing Prayer will be offered by Dori Ijams