Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of February 11, 2015

Attendance

Present: Terry Battaglia, Lisa Frey, Marcia Catalano, Laura Davis, Mark Dobrzynski, Dottie Eidam, Dori Ijams, Marty Motsco, Dennis Olsheski, Mary Grace Poidomani, Mike Rubbo, Tom Schneck, Dotty Smercina.

Absent: Father Mark Hobson, Carol Consolo, Kimberly Ensign, Rick Ijams, Don Rynbrandt

Minutes of January 21, 2015 were approved

Faith Sharing
Dennis Olsheski summarized chapters 7 & 8 of *Rebuilt* and members of Council made additional comments on the material he presented. Several members thanked Dennis for furthering the discussions with his summarizations.

Lisa Frey led the faith sharing by asking Council if they had any involvement with small groups. Some members questioned the definition of a "small group" and others related their positive experiences with these associations. Lisa posed the question of whether the church can foster small groups. The general consensus was that small groups will spring out of individual initiative.

Discussion of chapter 10 indicated that Council members liked the seeming low key approach to fundraising that Church of the Resurrection seems to employ. Members pointed out that when funds are specifically needed, this is generally brought up in the homily, announcements or the bulletin and parishioners then respond to the request.

Year of Consecrated Life
Terry Battaglia informed Council that parish members Sister Erin, Sister Dorothy, and Sister Margaret will be involved at weekend Masses on April 11-12 for leading a "consecrated life."

Lenten Update
Lisa Frey and Terry Battaglia indicated the Lenten black books will be distributed February 14 & 15. They will include a bookmark which lists all the Lenten activities including a series on Pope Francis Thursday evenings, Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, Taizé Prayer, and the Bread and Soup dinner.

Seder Meal
Dennis Olsheski provided an explanation and history of the Seder meal. He was interested in having Resurrection offer this practice as part of our Lenten observance. Mention was made of an annual invitation from one of the neighboring Jewish congregations to attend their Seder meal. Council felt this would be a good way to determine any interest from parishioners by accepting the invitation. Dennis will look into the possibility.

Holy Thursday: Washing of Feet
Marcia Catalano made reference to Council's participation in the washing of feet last Holy Thursday. It had been an emotional and humbling experience and she would like more of the congregation to feel this as well. Discussion led to finding ways for more parishioners to actively participate. The pastoral team will give thought to seeking participants by sign-up sheets, by invitation or by focusing on a particular group, as was the case last year.

Church Website & App
Terry Battaglia reported that the website and app are continuing to get more participants. Push notifications which bring the message to parishioners without their going to the website are also being used by parishioners.

Pastoral Team Comments
Terry Battaglia mentioned the successful "cookie" care packages (24) mailed to Resurrection college students. Lenten books will also be sent out.

Lisa Frey noted that Lenten prayer services will be held at Regency Hospital, Stratford Commons and Ahuja Hospital. The church is receiving calls from health care facilities for pastoral care. Grocery bags along with a list of desired items will be distributed on Ash Wednesday for our Easter Collection of donations to needy families.

Roundtable
Dwelling more on *Rebuilt* chapter 8, Tom Schneck felt that Council needs to have relationships with the parishioners in an effort to build a stronger church. He suggested having a pancake breakfast for teens given by the Council as a starting point. He will explore this possibility.

Volunteers for next meeting (March 18th)
Faith Sharing: Pastoral team, *Rebuilt* chapters 11 & 12
Closing Prayer: Mike Rubbo

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Closing Prayer was offered by Dotty Smercina