

**Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of February 17, 2016**

Attendance

Present: Father Tom Dragga, Terry Battaglia, Lisa Frey, Mark Altstadt, Christa Bomeli, Marcia Catalano, Dottie Eidam, Kimberly Ensign, Rick Ijams, Bethany Koenig, Barbara Long, Marty Motsco, Dennis Olsheski, Mark Olszewski, Mary Grace Poidomani

Absent: Don Rynbrandt

Excused: Dorie Ijams, Dotty Smercina

Minutes of January 20, 2016 were approved

Faith Sharing

Dennis Olsheski led Faith Sharing with the reading of Mark 9:2-10 followed by comments.

Lenten Service Project

Kimberly Ensign led the discussion of a Lenten project to be presented to parishioners for the Lenten season and through the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Council members had contributed their ideas which were printed out for council's consideration. It was decided to present service opportunities aimed at different groups: (1) individuals 2) families and 3) the parish as a whole. Likewise, the challenges were to range from being easy to more difficult.

The concept of it being structured as a monopoly game was presented along with the phrase "No Monopoly on Mercy." Since there were so many different ideas from which to choose, a committee comprised of Kimberly, Dennis Olsheski, Dottie Eidam and Bethany Koenig was established. They will set the parameters for the project whose foundation will be "works of mercy." It is hoped that a graphic designer from the parish will be able to present this challenge in a clever, engaging manner to elicit the parishioners' interest and support. The goal is to have this accomplished by Pentecost, May 15th.

Way of Proceeding

Christa Bomeli addressed some additional questions raised by council members in the "Way of Proceeding" document. Corrections, additions and deletions were agreed upon and the newly revised document will remain as is until a review is undertaken again in 3 years. Council expressed its appreciation for the work undertaken by the Review committee which included Christa, Dennis Olsheski and Barb Long.

Revisit of Re-Membering Church Process

Father Tom was asked by several council members to repeat his presentation on the "Re-Membering Church" program since many members were absent at the previous one. The program's purpose is welcoming people "home," principally back to the Catholic Church but also to other Christian churches, if circumstances need be.

The program would be 4-5 weeks long with 1) a re-membering team leading the process by “listening” and not being judgmental; 2) invitees naming their pain and sharing stories of why they left; and 3) re-acquainting invitees with Catholic beliefs and practices.

Parishioners would name those who might benefit and an invitation would then be sent out. The first two meetings would include just the invitees and the re-membering team in a social atmosphere. Pastoral leadership would be available at later meetings to answer concerns and questions. Re-membering team members would follow-up with a handwritten note, phone calls and an invitation to attend Mass together.

Comments from Pastoral Team

Lisa Frey: 250 paper bags have been distributed for the Easter food baskets project; a revision is underway for the food pantry and food basket procedures, as well as storage relocation for pantry items. A letter has been sent to 12 Solon companies asking for their participation in a food drive.

Terry Battaglia: Lenten books and Valentine cookies were shipped to college students; Chili, Cheesecake and Checkers event is this Saturday; Bread & Soup following Stations of the Cross on March 18th will be provided by the youth of the parish; the 9th and 10th graders are to be commended for their Lenten program: We Can Make a Difference.”

Father Tom: The Liturgy Commission will be searching for 7 young people to be lectors and 3 to be cantors; a coming Offertory Enhancement program will be attended by Father, Diane Lioni and a member of the Finance Council; staff will be working on a parish service day for next fall to involve about 100 parishioners in teams of 10. A council member suggested the possibility of all those involved wearing “Resurrection” t-shirts.

Roundtable

Mark Altstadt: asked for recommendations of worthy candidates for the Loaves and Fishes fund; Barb Long: asked for prayers for her newborn grandson; Rick Ijams, Bethany Koenig and Kimberly Ensign complimented the staff on the Ash Wednesday services; Christa Bomeli mentioned the upcoming Chili, Cheesecake and Checkers event; Mark Olszewski complimented the new music director, Julie Parrotti; Marty Motsco and Mark Altstadt commended Father Tom on his excellent presentation of the first program in the Lenten Series: Mirroring Mercy; Mary Grace Poidomani called for a Discernment Organizing Committee made up of those council members in their final year with Rick Ijams accepting.

Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by Marcia Catalano

Next Meeting

The Council will reconvene 7PM, Wednesday, March 16th

Faith Sharing will be offered by Mark Olszewski

Closing prayer will be offered by Mark Altstadt