

**Church of the Resurrection
Pastoral Council Meeting
January 15, 2014**

Attendance

Present: Father Mark Hobson, Terry Battaglia, Marcia Catalano, Carol Consolo, Laura Davis, Mark Dobrzynski, Lisa Frey, Dori Ijams, Rick Ijams, Dennis Olsheski, Mary Grace Poidomani, Don Rynbrandt, Tom Schneck.

Absent: Mike Rubbo, Eileen Siebert, Dotty Smercina

Service Fair

Committee Chairman Dennis Olsheski gave a detailed report about plans for the Service Fair, March 1 and 2. During the first weekend, 14 groups signed up to host tables at the Fair. A total of 20 tables are planned, with groups from both within and outside the Parish. The committee is particularly interested in encouraging volunteer opportunities for children. The Committee is working on a street fair to tie in with the Parish's yearlong theme of "Out onto the Streets." Dennis prepared a checklist that has been distributed to groups hosting tables, including sign-up sheets. Different promotional events will be held each weekend leading up to the fair, culminating with brief talks by volunteers about their experiences.

Council Priorities

The teams updated the status of their projects. Tom Schneck was to attend a Community Connection meeting at Aldersgate Methodist and then see how our relationship/partnership with the church might best proceed. Laura Davis is continuing to organize a book club at Cuyahoga Hills. Lisa said that Regency Hospital has no pastoral care, so the Council would be starting from scratch there.

The Council discussed how it might take a higher profile in service to the Parish, possibly including washing feet on Holy Thursday, and how to acknowledge and reward Parishioners who volunteer during the year. Mark Dobrzynski suggested inspirational wristbands or T-shirts.

Comments from the Pastoral Team

Father Mark is exploring ways to reach out to the men of the Parish, including a retreat.

Lisa said she was struck by all the ways Parishioners already of service and encouraged Parishioners to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. meal and concert at St. Mary's in Bedford.

Terry reported that PSR classes will be collecting items for the homeless as their special project for 2013-14. They will be working with the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless.

Roundtable

Dennis Olsheski said the Parish needs to do a better job about informing Parishioners of its own ministries.

Laura Davis told the Council about a church in Florida that has a board where parishioners post requests for help and other parishioners answer. She suggested we do likewise.

Dori Ijams suggested once-a-month “service mob” opportunities as an alternative for Parishioners who cannot make long-term volunteer commitments.

Mark Dobrzynski promoted the Chili Cook-off on Feb. 8 and informed the Council that Parmadale would be closing as a residential facility.

Tom Schneck talked about how inspired he’s already been by the Special Year of Service and urged members not to get discouraged if all of our plans don’t work as we hope. “Our timetable is not necessarily God’s timetable.”

Closing Prayer

Marcia Catalano offered the Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting

The Council next meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 19.

Faith Sharing will be led by Carol Consolo

Closing Prayer will be offered by Dennis Oleshki.