

**Church of the Resurrection  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes of January 21, 2015**

**Attendance**

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

Absent: Mike Rubbo, Dotty Smercina

**Minutes of November 19, 2014 were approved**

**Faith Sharing**

Dennis Olsheski summarized chapters 5 & 6 of “Rebuilt” and members of Council made additional comments on the material he presented. It was noted that the author focuses on evangelization through welcoming and better meeting the needs of those who come to the parish rather than methods of going out into the community.

Father Mark Hobson led the faith sharing with questions to the Council pertaining to chapter 7. A lively, informative discussion followed with how Resurrection compared to Nativity Parish in the book and what Resurrection might do to spread the word about what we have to offer to our members and to those visiting for the first time. There was interest in expanding from the “nursery” setting presently offered to perhaps additional groups for the next age level. It was suggested that the term “nursery” might be replaced with a more inviting and accurate name for the children’s room.

In the discussion of chapter 8 many members felt that the content and presentation of the homily was a very positive force in grabbing the attention of the congregation as well as sending them off with the “Word of God.” There was the perception that our parishioners had a hunger for and an expectation to be fed by the Word.

For the next meeting **February 11<sup>th</sup>** (which has been moved up a week earlier due to Ash Wednesday), Council is to read **chapters 9 & 10.**

**Church in the City**

Father Mark pointed out that Resurrection no longer has a “sister” church in the city due to the changes in the diocese. The Pastoral team is considering a way to fill this void.

**Out into the Streets**

Tom Schneck presented a list of many organizations and projects for which members of Resurrection volunteer, both in and beyond the parish. His committee plans to get this information out to the parish in hopes that others will volunteer as well. One committee member is interested in promoting the Christian Family Movement which is a program for young Catholic families.

**Year of Consecrated Life**

Father Mark stated that Pope Francis announced the year 2015 will be dedicated to consecrated life. Three sisters who are members of Resurrection will facilitate this observance at our parish.

**El Salvador Mission**

Father Mark provided the Council with a touching video, produced by our diocese, called "Reverse Mission." It documented the Cleveland diocese's involvement in El Salvador for over 50 years, the importance of that undertaking and the diocese's continuing support of that mission.

**Pastoral Team comments**

Terry Battaglia mentioned the events coming up in the parish.

Lisa Frey suggested restocking our pantry for Easter with another grocery bag/ list being offered at Masses like the very successful Thanksgiving event. Council was in favor of doing this.

**Volunteers for next meeting (February 11, 2015)**

Faith Sharing: Lisa Frey, "Rebuilt" chapters 9 & 10

Closing Prayer: Kimberly Ensign

**Closing Prayer**

Closing Prayer was offered by Laura Davis