

**Church of the Resurrection  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes of March 16, 2016**

**Attendance**

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

Excused: Dorie Ijams, Bethany Koenig

Guest: Julie Parrotta, Music Director

**Preliminary**

Prior to the opening of this evening's meeting, a light corned beef meal was enjoyed by council in Trivison Hall in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

**Minutes of February 17, 2016 were approved**

**Faith Sharing**

Mark Olszewski began Faith Sharing with the reading of Luke 19: 28-40

**Introduction of Music Ministry**

Julie Parrotta continued Faith Sharing by asking council members to share the names of saints who have influenced their lives and helped shape the parish community. Julie has included a litany of saints in several liturgies and is seeking to include more saints.

Following this exchange, Julie introduced herself to council members, gave a history of how she arrived at Resurrection and discussed what she hoped to accomplish. She has begun engaging young people in the music ministry as cantors and hopes to incorporate contemporary and world music in the services. She explained that increasing youth involvement is not an immediate response but more of a lengthy, evolving process.

**Quick Review of Year of Mercy Project**

Kimberly Ensign and her sub-committee of Dennis Olsheski, Dottie Eidam and Bethany Koenig presented council with a compilation of ways to engage the parish in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Rather than creating a booklet, the consensus of Council was to post different ways of participating on both the Church website and in a weekly bulletin section. The Pastoral Staff will review the handout and report back to council.

### **Outdoor Nativity Presence**

Father Tom elicited council's comments on how to handle the outdoor Christmas display of the Nativity to prevent a re-occurrence of the 2015 theft of the Christ Child and manger. Council members suggested moving the display closer to the church building, keeping lights on through the night and using ground stakes on the various pieces. General enthusiasm was expressed for continuing the outdoor display.

### **Discernment Update**

Rick Ijams presented the plan for the annual recruitment of new council members. On the weekend of April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, speakers will deliver the same information about council in a short one minute announcement following mass. Volunteers include Marty Motsco at the 5:30 Mass, Dotty Smercina at the 9:00 Mass and possibly Kimberly Ensign at the 11:00 Mass. Rick and Dori Ijams will also be available in the Gathering Area after each mass to answer any questions from parishioners. Announcements regarding the opening of council to new members will be made in the church bulletin and also the church e-mail blast. It was suggested that there also be a hyperlink to the "Way of Proceeding" document.

### **Comments from Pastoral Team**

Lisa Frey mentioned the upcoming "Soup and Stations" event this Friday; the Easter Basket giveaway is in need of laundry items; Resurrection is serving a much larger need for food baskets this Easter; young students are encouraged to help load cars with food baskets on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Terry Battaglia reported on upcoming youth happenings in the parish: Lock-In on April 15<sup>th</sup>; Parents Night Out on May 20<sup>th</sup>; Mission Trip this year in Cleveland at St. Aloysius; Summer Camp June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and Vacation Bible School July 11-15<sup>th</sup>.

Father Tom reported on plans for: 1) a parish Annual Service Day to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00 PM followed by 5:30 Mass and dinner. Volunteers numbering around the goal of 125 will work twelve different sites; 2) the addition of 7 lectors and 3 cantors of junior high and college age; 3) an adult faith formation program in October dealing with scripture and paintings; 4) a promotional piece about Resurrection to be designed by a graphic artist for residents moving into our area; and 5) a Sunday Offertory Enhancement program in conjunction with the Finance Council in the Fall. Additionally, Father Tom commended the Social Justice committee for the informative community forum held at Resurrection on "Heroin."

Julie Parrotta reported on the Music in a Sacred Space event scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be both an afternoon and evening event for the first time. Hopefully the afternoon will see an audience that finds it difficult to attend evening functions, such as residents of Stratford Commons.

**Roundtable**

Mark Altstadt: deadline is approaching for Loaves and Fishes applicants

Don Rynbrandt: Arizona church experience lacking compared to that of Resurrection

Dennis Olsheski, Marcia Catalano and Marty Motsco: thank you for excellent Lenten Series on Mercy

Dottie Eidam: Thank you for St. Patrick's Day meal before council meeting

Christa Bomeli: Requested prayers for school children on school break

Dotty Smercina: Next Senior Dinner will have youth helping out

Dennis Olsheski: Twelve people are attending the Interfaith Passover Seder at Fairmount Temple

Mark Olszewski: Thank you to staff for support with PSR; it was a good year

Rick Ijams: Reconciliation service was beautiful; suggested young people be cross bearers and perhaps the formation of a junior council.

Kimberly Ensign: Appreciates the homilies

Mary Grace Poidomani: Thank you to sub-committee of Year of Mercy; Rick and Dorie for

Discernment committee; and Marty, Marcia, Father Tom and Terry for St. Patrick's Day meal

Barb Long: Thank you to Julie Parrotta

**Closing Prayer**

Closing Prayer was offered by Mark Altstadt

**Next Meeting**

The Council will reconvene 7PM, Wednesday, April 20th

Faith Sharing will be offered by Mary Grace Poidomani

Closing prayer will be offered by Don Rynbrandt