

**Church of the Resurrection  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes of May 18, 2016**

**Attendance**

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

Excused: Lisa Frey, Bethany Koenig

Absent: Don Rynbrandt

Guests: Janet Cardamone, Robyn Manchick

**Minutes of April 20, 2016 were approved**

**Faith Sharing**

Dorie Ijams began Faith Sharing with the reading of John 16: 12-15. Members reflected on how God watches over us providing care, concern, protection and strength.

**Update on Parish Service Day (Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Barb Long informed Council that there are 5 people on the core committee for the Parish Service Day and they hope to have around 125 volunteers to be divided among 12 or so sites. Places mentioned thus far include Rescue Village, Cleveland Food Bank, Zechariah House, Malachi House and the Red Cross. Site work will be from 9:00 AM to around 2:00 PM. Information will be in the Church bulletin and sign up will begin this weekend. Council members were encouraged to volunteer as team leaders. The day will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude with dinner following the 5:30 Mass.

**Evening for Liturgical Ministers and Parish Council**

Father Tom Dragga reminded Council of the coming presentation by Father Paul Turner on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at St. Pascal Baylon in Highland Heights. St. Pascal, St. Noel and Resurrection are in partnership to bring Father Turner to our communities. Father Turner will be speaking on “Who’s Mass Is It Anyway?” and all those having anything to do with the liturgy are invited, including PPC members.

### **Parish Center Needs**

Father Tom Dragga presented some concerns regarding the Parish Center building. He shared with the PPC maintenance and repair issues that have been raised by both the building and grounds committee and the Finance Council. Issues with water damage to the attic, the tower which has historically caused some problems with leaking especially when there are strong rains, the aging air conditioning unit, as well as concern about lack of storage space issues were named. The Finance Council asked that the engineer that works with the Diocese be brought in to do a review of the entire property so that the Finance Council has a better picture of financial costs moving forward over the next 5 years or so. Father Tom is awaiting the report. Discussion then moved to future ministry needs and opportunities related to the parish. Discussion produced possible use for more space: larger PSR/meeting rooms, the opportunity to provide for community meals and making the space available to parishioners for family events when there is not a parish event going on, opportunities for different kinds of counseling and daycare.

### **Furthering Communication about Parish Organizations**

Marcia Catalano presented a list of volunteer opportunities that presently exist in the Resurrection community. She asked whether this information should be presented to all parishioners in an effort to show the scope of the Church's involvement and also to provide parishioners with possible volunteer opportunities. Father Tom remarked that the staff had just taken up this issue since the new church bulletin publisher also offers a "Ministry" booklet. Title of the project will be "Parish Ministries." Parish staff will review the volunteering list and incorporate other ideas, including 1) contact persons' name and possibly phone number; and, 2) those ministries that welcome new members as opposed to those who are by invitation or discernment. Christa Bomeli raised the issue of privacy if posting names on the website. Dotty Smercina suggested holding a "Volunteer Sunday" for parishioners. Mark Altstadt added two more items to the Volunteering List: Charitable Giving Board and Senior Dinners.

### **Discernment Update**

Rick Ijams stated the Evening of Discernment is Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7 – 9:00 PM. Interested persons do not have to attend a council meeting to discern. Five people are going off council and those discerning will be reminded of the Monday date.

### **Comments from Pastoral Team**

Terry Battaglia stated the Mission Trip to St. Aloysius will include 13 young people and 7 adults. They will be working at the parish as well as in the neighborhood. PSR teachers are mostly determined for next year. A glass blowing event in Chagrin Falls is being planned for young adults. Terry handed out information regarding all the youth events for the past year plus the names of PSR teachers.

Father Tom Dragga discussed the planned changes of the church bulletin, making it more reader friendly and engaging. There will be added photos of events plus staff and council photos for recognition purposes. Business cards will be on the back cover while the inside information will be organized according to the words of our Mission: “worship, justice, vision and dignity.”

### **Roundtable**

Barb Long proposed a resolution to have a celebratory event honoring Lisa Frey’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in service at Resurrection. Rick Ijams seconded it and the resolution was passed by acclamation.

Dennis Olsheski inquired about the state of the Re-Membering program.

Mark Altstadt expressed a personal satisfaction at the awarding of the Loaves and Fishes Fund.

Marcia Catalano thanked staff for all the wonderful events of the past month.

Barb Long expressed appreciation for remembering the military in prayer during Mass.

Rick and Dorie Ijams commended staff on the Stations of the Resurrection program.

Kim Ensign, Mark Olszewski and Dottie Eidam thanked those going off the council.

Dotty Smercina stated there were 60 people at the Senior dinner and \$560 was raised.

Christa Bomeli remarked that the youth helped at the Senior dinner and there was good interaction between them and the seniors.

Marty Motsco praised the Mercy and Justice program as being outstanding and informative. She also passed around newspaper articles about Lisa Frey and Terry Battaglia plus the Seder dinner held last year.

Mary Grace Poidomani relayed a touching experience she had at the food offering on Pentecost when a parishioner asked for prayers for her dying brother.

Janet Cardamone was thankful for the opportunity to attend a council meeting as was Robyn Manchick. Robyn also stated it was good to see youth in the choir.

### **Closing Prayer**

Closing Prayer was offered by Rick Ijams

### **Next Meeting**

The Council will reconvene 7PM, Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Faith Sharing will be offered by Dennis Olsheski.

Closing prayer will be offered by Marty Motsco.