

February 15, 2017
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Room
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance
Present: Mark Altstadt, Christa Bomeli, Janet Cardamone, Marcia Catalano, Fr. Tom Dragga, Dottie Eidam, Kimberly Ensign, Lisa Frey, Bethany Koenig, Barb Long, Robyn Manchick, Marty Motsco, Dennis Olsheski, Mark Olszewski
Guest: Rob Green, Julie Parrotta
Excused: Terry Battaglia
- Call to Order – Marty Motsco
Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli
Meeting Minutes were approved as read
- Faith Sharing : Janet Cardamone read the Gospel from Matthew 5:38-48

- Christmas Book (Resisting Happiness) Follow-Up and discussion on other books – Marty Motsco (5 min)
The way the book is written seems to be very motivating. Other parishioners found it interesting that we get different books and they appreciated receiving something from the church. Happiness is beyond the materialistic things as this book points out. Book points out that it is good to think about death in order to put things into perspective.
We will be handing out the Lenten Reflection Book at the weekend masses before Ash Wednesday for both adults and children. The staff is looking at possibly putting together an Advent book that would be similar, but include reflections and thoughts of the staff and others of the parish. So look out for those.

- New Technology – Julie Parrotta (10 min)
On Facebook, there was an unclaimed Church of Resurrection page. So anytime anyone mentioned the Church of the Resurrection, it would reference this unclaimed page. So the staff has claimed the page. We are using this page to put our upcoming events out there. The page is Church of the Resurrection-Solon. It has mass times and office hours. It is free advertising. For anyone who likes the page, our events will pop up on their news feed. We can create an ad for an event and set an area for it to appear, so it will target those people who like the tags for the event. The Facebook page will be mentioned in the bulletin and the email news blast. As you click that you are interested and going to an event, it will show up not only in your news feed but in your friends' new page. This allows more people to see the event by multiple friends who like/showing interest/etc. Facebook is easier and faster to change than the website or the phone apps.
We are also redoing the app and the webpage. The staff will be adding more accessible spirituality pages and other features. It's a great way to utilize technology to get the word out to other people.
Teenagers tend to use Snapchat, Twitter, and Instagram. RTC uses those other technologies to connect to the teens.

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We have a 4.9 rating on Facebook. To rate the parish, you can click on the Facebook page and review the page.

To get on the email blast, you can sign up through the app, website, or just email Jackie in the office.

- Proposed Five Year Property Plan – Fr. Tom Dragga & Rob Green (45 min)

When Father Tom came to the parish, the Buildings and Grounds commission had a 5 year plan and Father felt like it needed to be systemized and put in a plan as to what we need year 1, year 2, etc.. We also needed to look at the original church building, which is 45 years old, and see what needed to be done due to the cost of maintenance. There needs to be a conversation with the PPC and the Financial Council and then a joint meeting between the two councils before going to the parish on the proposed 5 year property plan.

The Building and Grounds commission have been meeting as a group for a long time. Site plans include the buildings and parking. Parking lots also need to be considered in any long term plan with thoughts of maintenance and costs. Building plan includes subareas like HVAC and other maintenance equipment. The Five Year Plan categorized areas like the Worship Space, Parish Center, parking, external areas, internal areas, and the rectory. The commission has established a priority of those areas of need that the commission sees, both internally and externally. The bell tower is a significant structure that needs to be considered, but is a source of many leaks. A study needs to be done on all the alternatives. Real numbers will be investigated on the costs before anything would be formally presented to the councils and the parish. The council had a conversation about what we might see as options, as well as questions that need further discussion.

Next steps are to have this presentation at the Finance Council and then before the end of the year to have a gathering of both the PPC and Finance Council in order to get the combined thoughts on the options. Prior to building of the Worship Space, our ministries were quite limited. So by building the new Worship Space we were able to open up much more availability for many different ministries, including food pantry, funeral luncheons, yoga, etc. A new building or even renovations to this building allows us to think into the future what other ministries can we add. It would be helpful and powerful to have those involved and leading the many ministries to be involved in looking into what could be used in the future.

- Dates for Discernment and Day of Reflections

In March, we will begin discussing the discernment process. There are 2 PPC members leaving after 4 years and 5 members who have served 2 years. Tuesday, May 30th is the date for the discernment meeting at 7pm. PPC Day of Reflection on August 26th. We'll hope start with a 1pm lunch and then end with commissioning at the 5:30pm mass.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Lisa – Julie designed a flyer of Lenten programming and it will be going out in the mail. Two weeks of the daytime scripture study has passed and she is pleased with how many people are coming. It's been enjoyable using her thesis work. March will be busy with school and presenting her thesis in St. Louis and Lisa will be participating in the graduation in May. It's

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been fun reaping the rewards of her thesis. Big Picture: Becoming Human explored what it felt like to become human. Lenten Bread and Soup meal with Fr. Mark Hobson is the next Becoming Human event. The staff is looking at smaller things, like a movie night and perhaps inviting the members of the Turkish-American Center to come to worship with us and socialize afterwards.

Julie – She has just restructured the music program. General music ministry rehearsal is twice a month. The other two Tuesdays is a chorale group for special mass. Julie will be working on getting an ensemble for each specific mass. 11am has about 15 and 9am has about 8 and 5:30pm has 3-5 members. Teen choir and children choir have sang at masses. Having rehearsal twice a month makes it less of a commitment for rehearsal. She is looking at creating a moms group and thinking of making it more intergenerational with a more spiritual proponent. So perhaps those who are older can share with newer moms their experiences.

Fr. Tom – On March 8th, is the presentation on Dorothy Day and he hopes to have PPC serve as ushers at that evening. He hoping to have a large turnout.

Father would like to have a series of watch parties to watch *Hidden Figures* starting at the end of April. We will be looking to have people volunteer to host 8-10 people to watch the movie and the parish staff would provide 2-3 discussion questions. The hosts then would meet with the parish staff to discuss what was discussed in the smaller watch parties.

May 12th or May 13th is the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima. He was thinking of hosting an art exhibit here Mother's Day weekend. The staff would ask parishioners to lend Marian artwork to show during the weekend. For the social that weekend, they would ask for recipes from Mothers and Grandmothers. Three Mondays in May would have discussions on the book Resisting Happiness.

- Roundtable Discussion
In light of time, we will skip roundtable this month.
- Closing Prayer this meeting: Bethany Koenig

Upcoming dates:

Feb. 16 & 23 – Soup, Sandwich & Scripture w/ Lisa Frey

Feb. 28th – Mardi Gras – 6pm

March 1st – Ash Wednesday, Prayer Service @ 7am, 8:30am, & 12:15am; Mass @ 7pm

March 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st – Stations of the Cross – 7pm

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – Lenten Parish Mission: From the Table to the Tomb – 7pm

March 8th – Dorothy Day, A Saint for Our Time – 7pm

March 15th – Sung Stations of the Cross – 7pm

March 15th – Parish Council Meeting – 7pm (after Sung Stations)