

June 21, 2017  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Upper Room  
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance:  
Present: Mark Altstadt, Christa Bomeli, Janet Cardamone, Marcia Catalano, Lisa Frey, Bethany Koenig, Robyn Manchick, Marty Motsco, Dennis Olsheski, Mark Olszewski  
Excused: Terry Battaglia, Fr. Tom Dragga, Dottie Eidam, Barbara Long, Kimberly Ensign  
Guests: Keith Miles, Toddy McMonagle
- Call to Order – Marty Mostco  
Marty called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli  
Marcia Catalano asked to have added that a signup was passed around for the Pentecost food collection help.  
Meeting Minutes were approved with modification.
- Faith Sharing : Robyn Manchick read the Gospel from Matthew 10:26-33.
  
- Discernment & Day of Reflection Aug. 26th Update – Marcia Catalano (5 min)  
Discernment was May 30<sup>th</sup>. Sr. Anita Marun led the wonderful program. She had us looking into the Resurrection Mission statement and how that reflects upon ourselves and our gifts. Fr. Tom and Terry commissioned the new members onto the PPC. Six new members, Keith Miles, Toddy McMonagle, Louise Cox, Michael Sreshta, Maggie Beatty, and Mary Lou Gall. Continuing members will be Barb Long, Christa Bomeli, and Mark Olszewski. Retiring members Marcia Catalano and Dennis Olsheski have each served 4 years. Those not returning are Mark Altstadt, Bethany Koenig and Kimberly Ensign. Thirteen parishioners will be on PPC next year. Day of Reflection will be held Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> for the new council to meet each other. It will also be led by Sr. Anita Marun. It will begin at 1pm with lunch and the program will begin at 2pm. At 5:30pm, the whole council will attend the 5:30pm mass to be commissioned. Please invite your families to attend mass. Marcia presented to Marty and Christa a written review of the Recruitment Process from this past year.
  
- Parish Interest Survey Subcommittee – Christa Bomeli (5 min)  
Need 2-5 volunteers. Lisa can help as the staff person with files. Mark O., Robyn M, Christa B., Janet C. can help on this committee. The subcommittee will present their recommendations at the Sept PPC meeting.
  
- Year in Review – Marty Motsco (30 min)  
Highlights/Strengths:
  - Service Day in September
  - Marian Exhibit in May
  - Sanctuary with Red – the food collection on Pentecost
  - Women and the Word – October

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- Anointing of the Sick
- Soup, Sandwich & Scripture during the day
- Fair Trade Boutique
- Giving Tree
- Choice of 3 days to attend the Eucharistic Minister meeting and the leader did a great job
- Men's summer masses offer good comradery
- Table to Tomb
- Prom to Remember
- Monthly Mobile Food Pantry as a host site
- Holiday Food Basket projects are rewarding and easy for families
- Sung Stations with the children
- Breakfast in Bethlehem
- Live Nativity
- Lisa's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- The diversity of what we offer/host
- Dorothy Day event
- Music in a Sacred Space
- The children's choir
- Watch parties for Hidden Figures is a unique concept that can be replicated
- Women's trip to Israel
- Volunteer Survey was easy to fill out and set up nicely
- Interfaith connections are off to a good start
- Becoming Human Service
- Resurrection Food Pantry
- More opportunities for young families to get together
- Taize Prayer services
- Vacation Bible School
- High School Mission trips
- Church Facebook page is updated and engaging
- Seasonal brochure that is mailed out is great
- Email blasts are very helpful / the new formatted bulletin / Printed annual reports
- Wonderful homilies given each week

Opportunities for improvement / enhancements:

- Evening for All Liturgical Ministers
- Dorothy Day event – good however the speaker was difficult to hear at time.
- Opportunities to add food gatherings to the interfaith connections
- Toddy belongs to a Faith Club and it offers an opportunity to do something similar. It's based upon a book

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- Book Studies do not have good turnouts – need to figure out another approach or time to encourage attendance
- Keeping the Junior High/ High School engaged and motivated in religious studies – ways to update
- Letter submitted by Mark Altstadt (see attached)  
Lisa wanted it clarified that during a prayer service she and Terry can still preach. The reason for this change is due to Canon Law and is enforced by the bishop.
- Comments from Pastoral Team  
Lisa – Women and the Word will be at Resurrection for 4 Mondays of Advent. St. Rita’s parish started a community plot that once harvested will be distributed through our Food Pantry. A questions has been asked whether we would like to change the Saturday mass time to an earlier mass time. Please provide any reaction to the Parish Staff. Comments are 5pm is a sweet spot. Will need to ask Julie her availability.
- Roundtable Discussion  
Marcia – would like to say she’s had a fabulous time on council and is very sad not to be continuing  
Bethany – hopes to come back in a few years and has enjoyed her time  
Mark O. – Thank you for all who are leaving and thank you Mark A for bringing up the issue today. Welcome to the new members and looking forward to next year.  
Janet – thank you for welcoming me into the group and looking forward to another year and more involvement – welcome and we will miss those leaving  
Keith – listening to get up to speed – looking forward to making a contribution  
Robyn – thank you for the welcome in my first year and given the opportunity to grow in the Catholic Church and looking forward to the future. Happy summer!  
Toddy – thank you for including me and excited for next year  
Dennis – thank everyone for allowing me to participate the last 4 years. Has really enjoyed the discussions and camaraderie. Wish all those going off best of luck  
Christa – VBS and Jr High came are coming up in July. Also in July & Aug are events for young families.  
Mark A. – Baccalaureate service at Northwestern was an interfaith service and was phenomenal. He wonders how can we replicate something like that locally. Enjoyed his two years and would be happy to come back in the future.  
Marty – thank you to all of you for an excellent year. It is sad to see our five members leave. We have a small token of appreciation to give to each of you for your time on council.
- Closing Prayer this meeting: Janet Cardamore

Upcoming dates:

June 29<sup>th</sup> - Meeting with the architect at 7pm to discuss the parish center  
Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> – Day of Reflection 1pm-5pm – commissioning at 5:30pm mass

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Dear fellow Council members –

As I announced last meeting, I have discerned to step away from the Church of Resurrection's Parish Council as I complete my first two-year term. I believe my participation has been worthwhile, especially given the timing with the departure of Father Mark Hobson and the arrival of Father Tom Dragga. Originally my intent was to rejoin council for my next two-year term in order to participate and contribute during a time of a 'major event' like the construction of a brand new or the refurbishment of our current parish center.

That was, however, until I recently learned some very disturbing news. If you haven't heard, our two women pastoral leaders, Lisa Frey and Terry Dattaglia, have been informed by the diocesan leadership that they are no longer permitted to preach the homily during weekday masses. Unfortunately, Father Tom's "hands are tied" and as our pastor, he is to obediently follow this decision. This decision is yet another way that our diocese has stripped the public celebration and leadership of women and in particular, of two very spiritual women that I have come to know and love since becoming a member of the Church of the Resurrection. Their spiritual leadership is, in a large part, a major reason that my wife, Jennifer, and I celebrate at the Church of the Resurrection. I strongly denounce the diocesan leadership's decisions to strip away their spiritual leadership and in particular, to quiet their preaching at our church's weekday masses.

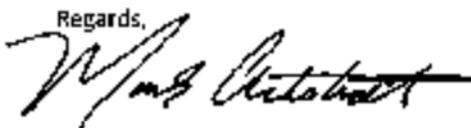
In my opinion, women and their spiritual leadership are vital to the vibrant celebration as well as the future, in general, of the Catholic church. If it were not for women, the lay ministries at our church would not exist. Look around - women make up the majority of our church's Eucharistic ministers, PSR teachers, Parish Council members, etc.

As members of parish council, we are told that we are the "think tank" of the church. I would like to believe that this means that we are the voice of the parishioners of the Church of the Resurrection. Unless I missed something, no one from the diocesan leadership asked me nor the rest of you for our input before this decision was made. How then are we the "think tank" of the church? As a result, I cannot, in good conscience, continue to participate on this council and instead, I am resigning my position.

I will continue to support equal treatment of women in our community, country and the world. I will continue to support a strong spiritual leadership presence for women in faith communities, especially the church.

I respectfully ask that this letter is added to this meeting's official minutes. I also plan to send a letter to the diocesan leadership with a similar message. I encourage all of you and any other of our fellow parishioners to do the same if you share my feelings on this matter.

Regards,



Mark Altstadt