

January 17, 2018  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Upper Room  
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance:  
Present: Terry Battaglia, Louise Cox, Lisa Frey, Maggie Beatty, Christa Bomeli, Barbara Long, Mark Olszewski, Robyn Manchick, Keith Miles, Marty Motsco, Michael Sreshta  
Excused: Fr. Tom Dragga, Dottie Eidam, Janet Cardamone, Mary Lou Gall, Toddy McMonagle  
Unexcused:
- Marty Motsco called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli
  - Minutes stand approve as read.
- Faith Sharing : Mark Olszewski read from the Gospel of Mark 1:14-20
- Announcements – Marty Motsco (5min)
  - Follow-up to Attendance Committee  
Fr. Tom will take the suggestions provided thus far and will appoint a committee to look into the questions we came up with in November. Once they are appointed, Fr. Tom will give us an update and the committee will report to Parish Council periodically.
  - Discernment Committee Formation  
The committee chairs will consist of Marty Motsco and Dottie Eidam as outgoing PPC Members. Announcements will start in March. Tentative date for discernment will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. PPC can be 12-16. We decided last year that we will allow youth members who are at least 16 and either confirmed or planning on confirmation and can serve until they are 18. At which point they can discern as adults. See Our Way of Proceeding for official rules and guidelines.
  - Update on Volunteer Saturday (Secondary Service Day) – Barbara Long  
We will not be going to Hiram House, because they cannot use us until after April. Barbara Long will look into our second and third choices and will get back to us soon.
  - Update on TVs and technology in Trivison Hall  
Large Flat Screen TVs will be installed in Trivison Hall. A smaller TV will be installed in the nursery and perhaps a classroom. One to two cameras will be installed in the worship space. This will allow us to hold mass in Trivison Hall as an overflow and broadcast the mass. The staff is also looking into Live Streaming the mass with Boxcast. This will also give us the potential to Live Stream other events as well.
- Review of Visioning Process Meeting – Mark Olszewski (20 min)  
First, Rick Kravanka did an excellent job of leading us and bringing us back to looking at our vision and mission instead of solutions. We looked at our hopes for the future instead of just our challenges. It cut through all the “extras” and allowed us to see what we really need to

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focus on. We were split into 4 groups to allow everyone get a voice. The teams typically all brought the same ideas when presenting which showed what our vision and mission are. The overall thoughts showed that the infrastructure needs to be addressed and it will not be traded off for things we may want. There's a need a for flexible space as many different groups use our space. There's also a need for a large gathering area to have our parish/community events. The kitchen space needs updated and the food pantry needs to be looked at for not just space and accessibility. It was reassuring to see what our vision and core values are and now we can use that to move forward. The groups were mixed, so it was nice to see when committees from different sides of the picture agree. It could take 4-5 years before anything is fully done (whether it's a new building or a renovation). Yet to happen are further planning committees and studies and fundraising and working with the diocese to get approvals and funds. Certain repairs will need to be made before the 4-5 years are up. In the 1990s, we had many strategic planning committees that lead to us needing a new Worship Space. The process took approximately 7 years start to finish. The repairs are getting more and more urgent, especially the roof. Do we need to think of any way to speed up the process due to the urgency of these repair issues? Before this meeting, we did not have a good idea of our needs and wants. It seems as though this meeting, those needs have come out. Now we can go forward with looking at looking at what our options are. What do we do well with what we have? This helps lead us to the next step. It felt as though our previously meeting with the architect did not go well as it could because we did not have this past meeting. The past meeting seems to have better prepared us to meet again with the architect. A next step can be a new representative building design committee that can make a decision quickly and can assess approvals and fundraising.

- Review of Advent/Christmas offerings – Marty Motsco (15 min)  
LIKE: Live Nativity was very successful. The Women and the Word was very nice as it was tied into Advent. Many people have commented that they love having women preach. The Parents Night Out was very enjoyable. Breakfast in Bethlehem is always adorable. The Mass on Christmas day was very joyous and the homily was great. Music in the Sacred Space was fantastic and it was greatly timed. The environment committee did a wonderful job with the Worship Space. The visiting priest who came to the 4pm mass Christmas Eve did a wonderful job. The schedule worked nicely. It's nice that the Christmas card is artwork done by one of our PSR/RTC student. Luminarias during the Live Nativity looked beautiful. A suggestion would be to have people donate the poinsettias in memory of a loved one. It was very nice to have a community dinner before the Holy Day mass and encourages our sense of community. There's a suggestion to do dinner again before another Holy Day mass. The graphic of the nativity spelling out the word Christmas was lovely.
- Preview of Lenten Offerings – Lisa Frey/Terry Battaglia (15 min)  
Mardi Gras will be on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The usual entertainment, fun, and food. The band will be back, but Andy, the leader, cannot play the clarinet (he's approaching 100). They are going to

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make sure he attends no matter what. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day. See below for list of services/masses. Lenten Series is with Fr. Mike Woost on the Power of the Eucharist. He teaches the sacraments at St. Mary's seminary. Scripture Studies at noon and will look at the Letters of Paul to his Church communities on Thursdays. We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm. The weekend before Ash Wednesday, we will be handing out the Lenten Booklets. We will be launching a paper bag project for our Food Pantry on Ash Wednesday. Art project Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and will be "Lift High the Cross." We are looking for various crosses from around the world. Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Bread and Soup meal before Stations of the Cross. RTC will have their retreats 7/8 on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and 9/10 on Feb. 23-24. Confirmation March 3-4<sup>th</sup> will be off site. They are looking into creating another brochure this year of Lenten offerings. Bring in your palms from last year over the next few weekends as baskets will be in the Gathering area.

- Refugee Sponsorship – Lisa Frey (15 min)

We have always been called to welcome refugees. Joseph, Mary and Jesus were refugees at one point. In November, we met at the Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services and learned how parishes can help refugee families. Our Diocesan office has about 200 refugees coming this year (Oct.-Sept), only about 45 have come thus far. Five ways to help: household donations – to set them up, doing the actual house set up, greeting the families at the airport, mentoring a family (their greatest need and is an intensive process), and helping a family financially (not typical in a long term basis). Since that meeting, we have looked into how other parishes have worked with refugees. Hosting two more meeting one on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Noel and meet with Alice Hinkel and with Mary McNamara on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> from St. Malachi who will be coming to Resurrection. When we make the commitment to Catholic Charities, there are many committees to form in those five ways to help. There is paperwork, workshops, Diocesan Virtus website training for working with children. We can begin when we are ready. The commitment is 3-9 months of intensive work, but there may be longer term relationships that continue. Housing is generally on the near West Side of Cleveland. The families may or may not know English. Catholic Charities partners with other services, like ESL (English as a Second Language). A concern was brought up about how the government legislation may affect this. Offices accepting fewer than 100 refugees are closing. Those accepting more will remain open. 26 people came to the initial information meeting.

- Project Love / Wonder watch parties – Terry Battaglia (10 min)

Project Love letter went to PSR/RTC/Interfaith community. The Duct Tape Company started this character based information family program that focuses on bullying and how to prevent it. Denise Dufala will be our MC and will work with the parents. The culminating activity is where the children use duct tape to "Stick Together" to combat bullying. We just need to provide the space and the people. Our PSR staff will be used as facilitators. People not in our parish/faith are welcome as well. Fr. Tom is hoping that some members of PPC will attend as well. It's not a drop off event, but a partnering between parents and children. 9:30am-12pm. As a tag on, we

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are looking at having watch parties with the movie Wonder like we did with Hidden Figures. The movie shows how a child with facial deformities who was home-schooled and was mainstreamed into school in the Fifth grade and shows many different views of how his year went. We will provide discussion questions to the groups that meet in home. We will also host watch parties for children here at the church. Lisa and Terry will look into Fair Use license.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Lisa – Music in a Sacred Space Celtic concert on St. Patrick’s Day on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Women and the Word will have a series in other locations and schedule will be released soon. Turkish American Society Cooking Class will be this Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. Register by going to the email address on the flier. This past Monday, MLK Day, we delivered 100 personal hygiene kits and the items collected through the Giving Tree for the Homeless Stand Down. All items were new as it was a dignity affirming event. Last night the charitable giving advisory board met at the Archbishop Lyke School to tour the school that the Fr. Trivison scholarship fund provides for students to attend.

Terry – First Communion – Holy Family meeting this Sunday. Retreats are in full swing. A Prom to Remember for terminally ill young adults will be hosted here March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

- Roundtable Discussion

Barbara – so proud but overwhelmed that there is so much to do and the need is so great.

Robyn – feels good to reconvene.

Maggie – new years resolution to read the Bible, chronologically and is enjoying it.

Christa – dinner/mass around a Holy Day was enjoyable and would like to see more.

- Closing Prayer – Michael Sreshta

### Upcoming dates:

Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Parish Trip to Israel

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Turkish American Society Cooking Class 12pm

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Wine Tasting 7pm

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Project Love 9am

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Mardi Gras 6pm

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 7am, 8:30am, 12:15pm & Mass 7pm

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Scripture Study 12pm

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross 7pm

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Parish Art Exhibit “Lift High the Cross of Christ”

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – PPC Meeting 7pm

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Mike Woost – Lenten Mission on Eucharist