

# **Resurrection Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

***April 21, 2021***

**Attendance and Minutes** – All present except Toddy McMonagle, Joyce Casey, Elizabeth Frey, Keith Miles, and Joseph Thomas. The March 17, 2021 Parish Council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Faith Sharing** – Fr. Dragga read next week's Gospel, Jn 10: 11-18, the story of the good shepherd and the hired hand. All in attendance shared thoughts and ideas on this gospel passage. The comments centered on the "comfort" of this reading and the inclusion of all sheep, even those not yet in Christ's fold. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is the most often used prayer and is a comfort to all.

**Feasibility Study Review** – The feasibility study that was conducted to assess a possible capital campaign for the Parish Center reflected a positive response from those members who were interviewed and surveyed regarding the renovation and fundraising project ahead for the Parish. The responses of the Parish Council members were also positive. One emerging theme was that to fulfill our mission statement, we need to "combine brick and mortar with our mission." As a parish, we must trust who we are and view this project in a positive light. The reality of financing the project was discussed. Fr. Dragga reported that the Finance Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee were also optimistic about moving forward. It is important to keep in mind what this project will look like in terms of the next 10 to 30 years and more.

The feasibility study has been submitted to Patrick Grace, head of the Catholic Community Foundation for the Diocese. Also, the feasibility study and other plans will be submitted to the Temporal Goods Committee for the diocese for their review and approval. In addition, the Building and Grounds Committee will start to develop a list of potential architects for the Parish Center project and begin to develop the RFP process. A reply by the end of June from the diocese is anticipated after the necessary reviews have been completed.

Once approved, the steps necessary to move forward will commence to initiate the fundraising and other aspects of this project in the parish.

**Discernment Process Update** – Shawn provided an update on the Parish Council Discernment process. His video was distributed in an email blast and he shared that there was a positive response to the video and the related communications that have been disseminated. As a result of our outreach efforts, there are several parishioners who are interested in learning more about Parish Council membership. Council members then each provided updates on the individuals who they were assigned to contact regarding their interest in joining Parish Council.

**Parish Calendar Review** – A review was conducted of the list of more than 96 events (not including outside groups normally using our parish building in non-Covid times) that the parish and its members participated in over the last year. Comments by Council members addressed virtually all the events with remarks such as how much we were still able to do despite the lockdown, the number of people who attended outdoor Masses and especially the Easter Triduum, and the flexibility of the staff in organizing virtual events and keeping the food pantry open in addition to distributing Holiday food boxes for so many in need in our surrounding communities.

The Council consensus was to continue all these events and outreach projects in the coming year. At this point, many members expressed awe at what we were able to accomplish in this Pandemic year. Lisa Frey and Terry Battaglia both commented that we may not always do things the same way, but the circumstances of last year have given us new ways to think about how we continue our ministries.

**Roundtable Discussion** – Council member comments summarized as follows:

- “There were losses suffered during the pandemic in various ways for many individuals.”
- “Family joy at the First Communion of two daughters.”
- “Staff handling communication above and beyond expectations.”
- “Never feeling cut off from the church.”

- “We made advances in Zoom communication and other technical resources.”
- “Led to a greater appreciation of what we have. Some exhaustion, but we attract the world for better or worse and we hope we did it for the better.”
- “The need to be part of the cure and not the problem.”
- “Barbara Byrd-Bennet was glad to have participated.”
- In conclusion, the past liturgical year was fruitful despite some limitations.

**Pastoral Updates** – Terry has reinvited all PSR teachers for next year and all Covid-19 protocols will remain in place. At 5:30 PM Mass on May 1<sup>st</sup> eight youth will be confirmed. Fr. Dragga will officiate.

This summer the youth mission group will spend some days at St. Aloysius parish helping with the community art walk and then have evening events at the parish center.

Resurrection will participate in four Mission Mondays with four other area parishes.

Lisa added that the solicitation for volunteers to call each parish member resulted in 50 volunteers. They will have a script to start the call and then will respond to anything the caller might bring up during their conversation.

There will be a discussion group meeting to address the topic of “Is America Broken?” No exact date has been set.

An experience of “Iftar” with our Turkish NOICA friends will be held in person and live stream on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. There will be a program and speakers after which there will be carry out dinners prepared by the Muslim community to take home and eat. Iftar is the meal eaten each evening of Ramadan after sunset.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the international day of the labyrinth. Our labyrinth will be set up in Trivison Hall from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will also sponsor a “Food for the Fourth” food box distribution in July.

Fr. Dragga mentioned Covid vaccination distribution is available locally if anyone still needs it.

Father again announced Lisa has accepted a new position and our new pastoral assistant Sr. Susan Javorek who will join us in later in the year.

On June 20, 2021, Father's Day there will be one Mass at 10:00 AM. All Council members were in favor of this time change for Mass.

June 13, we will caravan to Calvary Cemetery for Mass at Fr. Trivison's (our founding pastor) grave. We will also remember all the deceased members of Resurrection over these last 50 years at this Mass.

Also, Mass outside on the lawn will continue throughout this summer.

A last reminder is that the National Day of Prayer local celebration is to be held at the Solon Gazebo on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This will be an interfaith service.

**Closing Prayer** – Offered by Julianne Kurdila who sent us forth with a blessing.

Parish Council's next meeting will be May 19, 2021 at 7PM (Faith Sharing - Rosemary Herpel and Closing Prayer - Erica Burck)

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Cox, Secretary of Resurrection PPC

May 1, 2021