

Resurrection Parish Council Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

With all members present in person or remote via Zoom, meeting began with faith sharing on the next week's Gospel reading.

Next Chuck Maimbourg reviewed the "Way of Proceeding" noting the way to resign from Council by written letter or by missing three (3) meetings. Then review of faith sharing slots for the year, and meeting schedule. The October 27 meeting scheduled by Father Dragga will review and gather final input on the going forth plan for building repair and major renovation options for the Parish Center and determine next steps.

Father Dragga then walked through the draft strategic plan as follows, p.2 summary, p.3 restate statement, p. 3 Emmaus title meaning, continue to walk the Resurrection walk , p.4 summary of Mosaic symbol, 14 points – strength, p. 5 needs to strengthen or improve, p.6 live within our means and sharing God's word, pgs. 7, 8, 9, summaries, p.10, mission statement discussion, remove words "in order", dropping "more", serve one another, make statement two sentences instead of one, use of "one another" is "inclusive" as opposed to "others" which is "exclusive.", p.10, what to say about the core values. Beth Wolfson spoke to word changing, Terry Battaglia to "we worship", vision as an over "us." It is a call to be prophetic. Mary Lou Gall said the vision should be flexible, look to the future, be able to change, to be open.

Other words mentioned during the mission statement discussion included catalyst, innovative, move action into living, sharing the Word. For Toddy McMonagle, Vision needs to be changed to courage. For Shawn Beatty, Vision means to be bold and courageous in our Faith, Father Dragga pointed to the biblical root in them i.e., worship and justice and that the vision is inclusive, prophetic and courageous. Father added a comment to an "embracing of engaging", so an umbrella of engaging invites action to reach out to others. Lin Mullin commented that it "needs action words" "fits with the logo" and provides four points under four action words. Father Dragga added "after reading, then doing" "that can be our measuring stick, if we fall short." Also "verbs to give action to worship". If we communicate these four verbs (in the Vision statement), it allows us to explain it to parishioners. Shawn Beatty, Julianne Kurdila, and Elisabeth Frey are developing a plan to present this new strategic plan to the community. Looking for action on page 14 on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent.

Back to Father Dragga who gave a summary, Learn the Word, Share the Word, Living the Word.

Then Rosemary Herpel called for a vote to end discussion, Elizabeth Frey seconded. It was carried unanimously.

Lin Mullin called for a vote on the new statement, "We are a Eucharistic community committed to the teachings of Jesus. We embrace our call to love, to serve, and to build a just world." Mary Lou Gall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Roundtable discussion deferred to next meeting in November.

Pastoral staff reports followed. Terry Battaglia gave PSR statistics, 91 students in person, 12 virtual, RTC 40 in person, 1 virtual. She shared an example of a lesson plan and resources. She also commented on use of texting and Instagram to maintain contact and interest. First Communion and Confirmation instruction is in the works and suggestion for Dunkin Donuts gift cards for college students and an outdoor activity on December 19.

Lisa Frey spoke about the Fr. Trivison scholarship appeal and the contributions to Bishop Lyke School and St. Aloysius School in appreciation of his support of city students' education on this his birthday. She also explained the changes to this year's Giving Tree Christmas gift project. We will be giving gifts cards to the various organizations that we support. We project 300 food baskets for area families in need. Also, smaller turkeys and hams are needed. As to the Homeless Stand Down, plans are not firm at this time.

Father Dragga reported participation in the Seven Sacraments program as 20-25 on zoom and 1-2 members in person in the Trivison Hall with seminarian David Verbsky. Father Dragga reminded us again of the Zoom/in person meeting October 27 at 7 PM. He added the roof inspection revealed rot, mushy areas, and leaking. Temporary caulking is done, but we have a number of plans on hold. He said, "we need to get on one page."

Meeting adjourned after closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Cox, PPC secretary