



CHURCH OF THE

Resurrection

Parish Mission 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.

Our Way of Proceeding

We are a Christian Community embodying the principles of Charity and justice. Our deliberations presume the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the same Spirit the good Intentions of all of us.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7-9 p.m.

Call to Order, Attendance

Members in Attendance: Father Tom, Sister Susan, Julie Tragon, Nora Beach, Shawn Beatty, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Joyce Casey, Cindy D'Alessandro, Patty Dipre, Kelly Harmody, Rosemary Herpel, Joel Jira, Phoebe Mason, David Miller, Lin Mullin, Megan Parsons John Tkac, Tom Yuhas,

With us in spirit: Michael Cirino, Matt Nadalin, Julianne Kurdila, Helen Zabas

Approval of Minutes

Rosemary

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes and Barbara seconded the motion

Opening Prayer - Faith Sharing

Cindy D'Alessandro

Matthew 5: 38-48

I. Out Reach to New Members

Father Tom

What are we already doing and what can be done to enhance registration?

Father Tom shared the following information with the Council members that highlights all the activities when new members are registered

Welcome Bags

Registration Packet

Registration Form

Registration with a member of Staff

Stations of the Cross Booklet

Booklet of the Church

Religious Education Program

Resurrection on Social Media

Food Pantry – List of food we collect

Brochure on all the ministries in the parish

Envelopes; ACH Form; We Share

At time of registration, we try to introduce to as many members of the Staff

Post Registration

About 2-3 wks after the registration, we send a Welcome letter along with the

brochure that

includes of all the ministries in the parish. Pastoral Staff signs the

letter and adds a personal note

of welcome.

Parish Weekend Registration

About 4x a yr, we do a post mass registration push.

Parishioner Orientation

2x a yr, we host a Parishioner orientation after the 9am Mass. Inviting all who registered in the past 6 months.

It was suggested that on Name Tag Sunday, there are different colored nametags for the number years, the person has been a member of the parish.

II. Updates on Past Discussions Nora

Nora stated that she reviewed the minutes from the previous meetings this year and wanted to call to our attention, items that we may want to revisit.

1. In September, we discussed the possibility of an updated directory. Father Tom, voiced concern that the workload of the staff at this time would not allow them to take on the task. Shawn offered to investigate the possibility of the getting the directory online. David offered to assist him. It was suggested that Matt may be able to assist, as well and Shawn will get in touch with him.

2. We also discussed the possibility of bringing back the Youth Commission. Julie gave an update stating that in April, she will meet with several recent college graduates to discuss planning for Young Adults in the parish.

3. In October, we discussed possibly displaying new parishioners' pictures. This could be considered after the renovations are completed or maybe putting them on the screens outside the worship space.

4. In November, we discussed the possibility of a Disability Audit. The architects conducted an assessment as part of the renovation project. We also discussed having a meeting with one of Matt's professors who has written on this topic. She is not available at this time.

5. In January, members were asked to read the Way of Proceeding document and send thoughts to Nora by March 15th. Please note the date has been changed to March 1st.

III. Pastoral Staff Updates Father Tom, Julie and Sister Susan

Father Tom said the renovation is on schedule. He stated that we have an excellent building and grounds committee who are extremely helpful to the architects

Julie stated that the 7th and 8th grade retreat was well attended with 21 out of 28 students participating in the event. This summer's mission team is looking to go West Virginia. The 9th and 10th grade retreat is scheduled March 19th. Parents filled out a survey to identify a good date. The Confirmation Retreat will be at Camp Asbury.

Sister Susan shared that the Lenten Series will be held the six Mondays during Lent.

Our Welcome Circle committee tells us our Ukrainian family has been identified. There is a mom and dad and one child. They are currently living in Poland. It will be several months before they arrive. David stated that there are three Ukrainian students at the middle school where he teaches and there is also a Ukrainian Club. They might be able assist the family in some way when they arrive.

IV. Keeping the Faith Father Tom

Father Tom shared information on the Diocesan Program called "Keeping the Faith"

The Diocese wants every parish to partner with a Catholic grade school.

Resurrection will be expected to partner with a parish with a school.

David, Barbara, Nora and Cindy will form an AdHoc committee to review the initial information we have received and report back to the Council. Father stated that this program is designed to see that Catholic Education is a priority in every parish

V. Round Table Discussion All Members

Shawn is working on designing the t-shirts for the 9th and 10th grade retreat.

Lyn stated that she is concerned about the security in our facility. Father said the office will be on a buzzer system but the church will not be locked.

David is concerned that the tree on alter blocks the view of some parishioners. Father Tom said it will be moved within the week.

Tom stated that it is an honor to sit on this Council. The Holy Spirit is moving.

Cindy and Rosemary volunteered to call new parishioners.

Nora shared the need for an adult companion to live with a 45 year old man who has Downs Syndrome. Father Tom and other council members suggested she talk to a fellow parishioner who is in a similar situation. Contact information was given.

Closing Prayer Tom Yuhas

Next Meeting March 22, 2023

Opening Prayer Shawn Beatty John9: 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Closing Prayer Julie Anne Kurdilla