



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. All our deliberations presume the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the same spirit the good intentions of all of us.

Parish Pastoral Council September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order, Attendance:** All present except for Mike Cirino, Megan Parsons, John Tkac, and Tom Yuhas
- **Minutes from May 18 meeting:** Approved
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Matt led us in the opening prayer and a song (Make Us True Servants)
 - Rosemary passed around a schedule for opening and closing prayers for 2022 – 2023
- Everyone thanked Barbara and Rosemary for helping Father Tom with the event at the Rectory. We agreed at the end of the meeting that we should have more time together like that night.
- **Way of Proceeding**
 - Father Tom reviewed the current Way of Proceeding document with the group, focusing on the 11 bullet points on page 2. Rosemary indicated that the document is due to be updated.
 - Rosemary reminded returning members and informed new members that we are not a policy-making or decree-issuing body. We don't hire or manage staff. We are a collaborative body that supports Fr. Tom and the Pastoral Staff.
 - Julie said that we are extra "eyes and ears" of the Parish. She wants us to engage with other parishioners and keep our finger on the pulse of what is happening in the congregation in case people don't talk to Father Tom or the Pastoral Staff.
 - Julianne and Nora offered to update the Way of Proceeding in the coming year.
- **Discernment of Leadership for Parish Council for the Coming Year**
 - Fr. Tom reviewed the roles for officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
 - Rosemary indicated that parishioners often seek out the Chair and Vice Chair, that they are expected to attend church events, and that the Staff is fabulous to work with. The Chair runs the Parish Pastoral Council meetings, helps set the agendas for the meetings, and is the go-between for Father Tom and the Council.

- The Vice Chair runs the Discernment Process and participates in setting meeting agendas. Rosemary indicated that the Chair needs the advice and counsel of the Vice Chair.
 - The Secretary keeps meeting minutes, types them up, and shares them with the Chair. They also participate in setting the meeting agenda with Fr. Tom, the Chair, and the Vice Chair.
- **Nominations for Leadership**
 - Cindy nominated Rosemary for a second term as Chair, many others seconded. Rosemary graciously accepted the nomination and indicated that she has had one of the best years of her life. “It is an honor.” She was unanimously voted into the position.
 - Sean nominated Barbara for Vice Chair. It was also seconded by many, and Barbara accepted the nomination. She was unanimously voted into the position.
 - After some silence and this author indicating that she would not accept a second term, Nora self-nominated herself as Secretary on the condition that she has back-up. Phoebe, Sean, and Julianne can all serve as back-up. The vote was unanimous and Nora is the new Secretary.
- **Goal Setting: What do we as a Parish Council want to actively embrace for the good of the Parish in the coming year(s)?**
 - Julie explained the 4 Corners of the Strategic Plan
 - Sr. Susan explained what was heard during the Synod on Synodality and provided a handout entitled, “Synod Summary Responses Directed to Resurrection Parish.” There were 5 Synod meetings. Responses from the meetings were summarized into categories and shared with the Diocese. Sr. said that first they focused on the Universal Church and then on Resurrection, which led to the document referenced above.
 - Rosemary suggested that we determine where the 4 corners of the Strategic Plan and the Synod suggestions meet. Fr. Tom agreed that this would be a good first step.
 - The Council and Staff were divided into 3 groups (sitting at assigned tables). The three groups reviewed the Synodal Responses relevant to Resurrection and referenced the Strategic Plan to come up with proposed priorities for this year. The groups then reported out their top three suggestions:
 - Group 1: 1. Survey parishioners to ascertain talents so that we can use those talents to support others 2. Engage young people 3. Worship and mingling – for example, do a special mass where young adults can mingle afterward
 - Group 2: 1. Survey parishioners to ascertain talents 2. Reach out to LGBTQ+, Black churches, and people with special needs to live out Resurrection’s commitment to Dignity for all 3. Update the Parish Directory, whether on-line or in book form; could this be wrapped into the talent survey?
 - Group 3: 1. Faith sharing/Bible study beyond Confirmation 2. Adult small

group faith sharing 3. Reach out to those who left the Parish or those who are hurting

- David suggested that Resurrection set up a Bulletin Board for Building/Property, the Finance Committee, and the Council to inform parishioners about what is going on and to advertise upcoming events.
- David also suggested that we summarize what has been offered to celebrate, like a Year in Review. There was a discussion whether the Annual Report, which is released in September, could contain this information, or whether we could issue a separate document early in every new year and take information from the Annual Report to the Diocese.
- Fr. Tom combined the group's suggestions to the extent they were similar. Then each Council member got three votes to indicate what they thought the top three priorities should be.
- **The 2022 – 23 Parish Pastoral Council priorities are the following, in no particular order:**
 - **Focus on Diversity, Inclusivity, and Special Needs**
 - **Youth Engagement, potentially including renewal of the Youth Commission**
 - **Survey Parishioners' talents (which might be incorporated into an updated Directory)**
- **Closing Prayer was prayed aloud by all.**

Submitted by Julianne Kurdila

Almighty God, we are grateful you have called us into existence and entrusted us with a mission to serve. Hear our prayer of your parish family. We praise you for your Son Jesus who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Walk with us now, enter our mission and vision on the Gospel. Open our eyes to see what is possible. Through the power of your Spirit, we turn to you with eager anticipation for what is yet to be. Stay with us now, continue to guide our parish as we celebrate our past and build our future.