

**Church of the Resurrection
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:30 pm - Social Gathering - Thank you Rosemary!

7:00 - 9:00 pm - Meeting

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.

Call to Order - Rosemary

Members in Attendance: Father Tom, Sister Susan, Matt Nadalin, Julie Tragon (zoom), Rosemary Herpel, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Nora Beach (zoom), Joyce Casey, Michael Cirino, Cindy D'Alessandro, Patty Dipre, Kelly Harmody, Joel Jira, Julianne Kurdila, David Miller, John Tkac, Sophie Voudris, Helen Zabas

Absent: Lin Mullin and Tom Yuhas

Opening Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours

Matt explained that the Liturgy combines prayers and hymns. It is used for morning prayers when we do not celebrate a Mass. Evening prayers are part of the Liturgy. He also led the music. Sister Susan led the prayer.

Approval of the May 17 Minutes: Julianne moved approval and Michael seconded the motion.

Article IX - Way of Proceeding: led by Sister Susan

Sister Susan handed out the revised copy of Article 1 about Commissions. Everyone read it and the following questions were answered:

Committees are groups that meet regularly and often have a parishioner leader.

Ministries are parish activities whose members may not meet on a regular basis and often do not have a designated chairperson.

Parish volunteers are called ambassadors. Some ambassadors are appointed because they bring particular expertise to a committee.

*David moved to adopt Article 1; Barbara seconded that motion.

Discernment of Leadership for Parish Pastoral Council 2023 - 2024: led by Father Tom

President - A letter written by Tom Yuhas, and read by Rosemary, expressed his commitment and interest in serving as President of PPC. Tom was unanimously approved

Vice-President - Barbara Byrd-Bennett - accepted to serve a second year and was unanimously approved

Secretary - Cindy D'Alessandro volunteered; unanimously approved

Goal Setting: led by Father Tom - all goals discussed and approved

#1: Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Special Needs

- *Living fabric of the Parish
- *Offering a Sunday teaching
- *Ask all committees to address DEI and SN
- *Educational piece of DEI from Catholic Social Teachings
- *Listen to people affected

#2: Youth Engagement

- *Welcome
- *Inclusive
- *Opportunity for discussion
- *More active role in the Liturgy
- *Outside activities
- *How are we including youth in every aspect of our parish?

#3: Survey of Parishioners' Talents

- *Go bit by bit when something is needed
- *Parishioner Directory - parishioner driven
- *Resurrection Community Connection

#4: Parish on Mission

- *More outward focus - US and global church - explore what's out there
- *We need to listen beyond ourselves and create relationships
- *Inclusive church beyond our walls

*What we do for others, they do so much more for us!

Closing Prayer: Sister Susan

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Closing Prayer: Patty