

**Minutes of Resurrection Parish's Pastoral Council Meeting
August 16, 2016**

- I. **Meetings of the Committees of Council:** The business meeting was preceded by the Committees of Council meeting in the church hall for one hour, beginning at 6:15 PM.
- II. **Mission Trip Presentation:** Prior to the Pastoral Council Meeting, Terry Deitz shared a slide presentation comprised of photographs taken during this year's parish mission to Webster Springs, WV. During his commentary, Terry said that the team worked on 16 jobs, assisting ten families. Forty nine individuals participated from both Resurrection parish and other locations, working with a budget of \$17,000. Support for this year's trip was great, leaving about \$10,000 for seed money for next year. The trip was personally fulfilling for all participants. Additionally, the work done to help locals in need added to the participants' satisfaction. Some uncompleted work remains in Webster Springs; a small team might return some weekend to complete the projects.
- III. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Bryan Hodos , chair of the Pastoral Council called the business meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Father George opened the meeting with a prayer; both Bryan and Father George had brief opening comments. Father George commented on some personnel changes within the parish. They include:
 - a. Melanie Harris has resigned her position as parish secretary and bulletin editor. She will remain as parish music director.
 - b. Mary Beth Konieczny has been hired to take her place; she will work on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
 - c. John Onderko, the parish maintenance man, has indicated that he wants to go part-time, working 20-hours per week. The search for another part-time employee continues, but the search is proving to be difficult. One possibility might be to contract with a cleaning service.
- IV. **Roll Call:** Present: Fr. George, Joe Strihan, Ray Gorman, Mary Hanners, Bryan Hodos, Jeff McKissick, Rick Pavic, Steve Reasbeck, Larry Sestrich, Faith Thomas, and Michelle Rager. Excused: Barb Dryzal. It was also announced that Fran Ozog has resigned his seat on Council for personal reasons. Also in attendance were the parish manager, recording secretary and three parishioners. A quorum was present.
- V. **Approval of the June Minutes:** The June minutes were approved with no changes.
- VI. **Replacement Member for Fran Ozog:** As per the Council's bylaws, the replacement for Fran Ozog is to be drawn from those names not selected on Pentecost Sunday. There were eight names remaining that included Gary Vitko,

Anna Kozuch, George Pisula, Tom Elias, Terry Crissey, Loretta Ozog, Jim Kopriva, and Cindy O'Connor. Prior to the meeting, Loretta Ozog and Jim Kopriva removed themselves as possible replacements. Tom Elias was selected by a random draw. He will serve a two-year term.

VII. Status of the Standing Committees:

a. Activities

- i. The *Groovin' at the Grove* concerts are completed for the year. The same bands have been booked for next year.
- ii. All of the Labor Day tickets have been sold.
- iii. Fundraising events for the remainder of the year include Ethnicfest, a Fall Frenzy ticket, the meat raffle, the Ladies Auxiliary Basket Party, and holiday baking.
- iv. After some research, it was determined that restriction on certain types of gambling are still in effect. The parish will refrain from becoming involved in these activities.
- v. Securing volunteers for EthnicFest is going poorly. Chris Falduto will be making a special push, over the next few weeks.

b. Communications

- i. The committee had no meeting and at the current time, there is no Council liaison to this committee. The question was asked if the committee is necessary and what its purpose is. After some discussion, it was determined to keep the committee, allowing it to function in a similar manner to the Cemetery Committee, meeting only when necessary. The main duty of the committee is to maintain the parish's web site.

c. Education

- i. No meeting was held this month.
- ii. Adult Education is being planned to coincide with the children's religious education classes. These classes will focus on the same topics that the children are studying. Barb Dryzal is checking with the diocese to ensure that the parish is following the correct curriculum.
- iii. Since Religious Education is being moved to Sunday mornings between the Masses, the second Mass on Sunday morning will move from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. The move will take place of the Sunday after Labor Day; the move will be permanent.
- iv. At the request of Chris Babik, religious education students will function as liturgical Ministers (where permitted) at the 10:30 AM Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 18.

- v. Resurrection Parish will be joining with St. Benedict Parish this year for its students' Confirmation preparation. The structure calls for one session in the Fall, one in the Spring, and a retreat.
- d. Parish Family Life
- i. The recent golf outing was successful with 12 people attending. Another outing is planned for September 15. Sign-up forms will be available at the back of the church. The cost is \$20, which includes a cart and a picnic lunch. The game will be a nine-hole scramble.
 - ii. An afternoon of bowling is planned for Sunday, October 2 at the Richland Lanes. If we get 25 participants, there will be a discount on shoe rental. The cost is \$4 per game and \$2.50 for shoe rental.
 - iii. Another *Men's Night Out* is being planned for Saturday, October 1 after the 4:00 PM Mass. Food will be provided.
 - iv. Our *Time Out* initiative will be focusing on various service projects throughout the upcoming year.
 - v. This year, the *Undercover Project* may be combined with the *Christmas Need Trees Project*.
 - vi. Dates are being considered for the *2017 Celebration of Marriage*.
 - vii. An outdoor project for kids is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at Stackhouse Park. The event will center on planting milkweeds to attract monarch butterflies.
 - viii. The next parish covered dish is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 after the 4:00 PM Mass.
 - ix. Winter events for the parish are being explored. Some ideas include snow tubing, food contests, and the like.
- e. Liturgy
- i. Attendance at the Masses held at the Grove this summer has been between 70 and 100.
 - ii. The first Eucharistic Holy Hour held on the First Friday of August had 21 in attendance. No adoration will be held during September because of Ethnicfest. The next First Friday Adoration will occur on October 7.
 - iii. Jim Kopriva is working with the diocese in trying to coordinate a diocesan-wide recitation of the rosary on October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
 - iv. A request has been made to add some means of writing petitions for those who stop and pray at the Oratory.
 - v. Beginning in 2017, the Nocturnal Adoration Society has requested that the Oratory be used as their permanent home. Permission was granted.

- vi. At the Ethnicfest this year, there will be a 10:00 PM Mass for workers on Saturday evening. The 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday morning will be Polka Mass with Rosie and the Jammers providing the music.
 - vii. The Birthday of Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, September 8 with a 6:30 PM Mass followed by a cake and ice cream social in the church hall.
 - viii. On Saturday, October 29, Resurrection Parish will host the diocesan sponsored *Morning of Reflection on the Spiritual Works of Mercy*. The program will run from 9:00 AM until Noon. The Ladies Auxiliary will assist the Liturgy Committee in hosting the event and providing hospitality.
 - ix. The Mass schedule for All Saints will be an anticipated Mass on Monday, October 31 at 6:30 PM along with two Masses on November 1. The Mass times are 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.
 - x. Two Masses will be celebrated on November 2, All Souls. A Noon Mass will be held in the chapel at St. Rochus cemetery. A 6:30 PM evening Mass will be held at the church. At this Mass, those who passed away during the past year will be remembered. The Bereavement Committee, along with the office staff, will be asked to help coordinate this event.
 - xi. The Book of Remembrance will be prepared again this year, adding names from the All Souls envelopes. The file from last year's listing can be found on the parish secretary's computer.
 - xii. Parishioners will be asked to bring vegetation to help decorate the sanctuary during the month of November.
 - xiii. The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 9:00 AM. Food will be collected for the West End Food Pantry at this Mass. At the end of Mass there will be the distribution of fruit.
 - xiv. On November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, Liturgical Year A begins. As of yet, order forms for the new *Workbooks for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* and *Keeping the Seasons* have not been made available by the diocese.
- f. Properties and Maintenance
- i. Materials are being secured so that the *Kneeler Project* can begin after Ethnicfest. The wood has already been delivered; we are still awaiting the delivery of the foam and naugahyde covering. New rubber feet are also being ordered as part of this project.
 - ii. An estimate was provided to the Finance Council on air conditioning for the church hall kitchen. The Finance Council nixed the idea over ideological issues. One of the questions asked was why we are not

looking at the whole project, instead of just focusing on the kitchen. The Finance Council also asked if other solutions were explored, such as better ventilation. This topic will be explored again next year with the focus being on the entire building.

- iii.** A bid of \$6,699 was accepted from Mike Burgo for repairs to the office ramp, however those figures were based on an estimate from last year. When asked to do the project at the bid price, Mr. Burgo had to recant, saying that at first glance, its cost would escalate to approximately \$8,000. Ben Gagan will speak with Mike to get a hard cost so that we can move forward on this project, as the ramp is crumbling badly.
- iv.** The church floor project is now completed with the contractor being paid. The pews will be moved and placed by our men, not by the flooring company. The floor mats, to prevent slipping on wet tile, should be back in place in or around November 1.
- v.** Work on the rectory kitchen is now completed.
- vi.** Work on the office walls in the parish center is now complete. It was decided to keep the high threshold for one of the doors; signage will be placed to warn of the tripping hazard.
- vii.** The downspouts off the church roof were fixed and now the water is flowing normally once again. This repair has created a massive decrease in the flooding of water in the front of the church. Signature Construction will be called to come back and redo the termination strips and mortar joints.
- viii.** The Fourth Avenue sidewalk is getting worse and there have been numerous discussions about what needs to be done to rectify the issue. It was suggested that Ben Gagan contact PennDOT to see what our scope of authority is, since the avenue is a state road. Once we have a better understanding of our rights and the sewer project is completed, the committee will readdress the issue and make recommendations.
- ix.** A few parishioners raised concern that parking for the 4:00 PM Mass is getting to be difficult. Visitors to Aces and the Bottleworks are parking in our lot across from the church on Chestnut Street and the other small lot on Fourth Avenue. A letter was sent to the owners of Aces about this situation in the past, but with no response. It was suggested by the Maintenance Committee to begin roping off the main lot on Saturdays to ensure that parking is available for our parishioners.

- x. A suggestion was made to add an additional exhaust fan in the church hall on the Aces side of the building. After some discussion, it was decided that there was not enough time to get this done before Ethnicfest this year. The matter was tabled for future consideration.
- xi. A suggestion was made to add ceiling fans to the band area and dance floor at the Grove. It was felt that this would help to reduce the nuisance caused by flying insects.
- g. Youth
 - i. No report. Also, there has been no movement in appointing a new youth representative.
- h. Cemetery
 - i. No meeting or report. It was noted that Fran Ozog will remain on the committee and that Tom Elias, the newly selected Council member, will be asked to be the liaison to this committee.
- i. Finance
 - i. Two meeting were held with the main focus being the preparation of the parish budget.
 - ii. A parish census is being planned for October. It appears the parish membership and/or participation has fallen, but the parish is being accessed at historical numbers. The purpose of the census is to bring both numbers in line.
 - iii. Some small changes will be made to the published monthly financial statement with the intent to add more clarity.

VIII. Comments from the Parishioners:

- a. The question was asked - where does the "memorial bell remembrance thank you," designated for Bill Zdrevecky when he retired as the bell ring for funerals, stand. Bryan will check with Terry Deitz
- b. The question was also asked about the suggestion to name the meditation garden at the Grove in honor of Sr. Agnese. Along with the naming of the garden, there also was the recommendation to allow parishioners to purchase "memorial pavers" as a way to remember and/or honor someone. This decision has been deferred until next year.
- c. An inquiry was made as to what will become of the moneys collected for the repair of the Blessed Mother statue, the memorial gift coming from Immaculate Conception Parish. It was felt that since the money was collected (in honor of Sr. Agnese) for the repair of the statue, the money should be spent on the statue. Father George suggested that a plaque be made, telling the history of the statue. Additionally, even though the statue itself might not need to be refurbished, the base itself could be

replaced. George said that he would contact Jim Mulvehill, a parishioner, who is skilled in woodworking.

- d. Comments were made about the excessive heat in the church, especially at the 4:00 PM Saturday evening Masses. The current air-handling system just seems to circulate hot air, offering no real relief. It was explained that air handling for the entire building needs to be studied, but cautioning that a fix would be costly .

IX. Old Business:

- a. At the June Council meeting, changes to the Bylaws of the Pastoral Council were presented. These changes were voted upon and passed at this meeting. The changes are noted here:

With the installation of the new Pastoral Council, Article IV, Sections 2 and 8 of the Pastoral Council Bylaws are incorrect and need to be amended. The proposed changes are listed here in italics and in parentheses :

Article IV – Membership and Terms

Section 2: Beginning with the 2016-2017 *(2019-2020)* Pastoral Council, *(Four (4))* new members will be selected each year on Pentecost Sunday...

Pentecost Sunday 2017:

Four (4) parishioners will be selected to serve a three-year term

One (1) parishioner will be selected to serve a one-year term

(Pentecost Sunday 2017:

No Selections.)

Pentecost Sunday 2018:

Four (4) parishioners will be selected to serve a three-year term

(Pentecost Sunday 2018:

Four (4) parishioners will be selected to serve a three-year term

Four (4) parishioners will be selected to sever a two-year term)

(Pentecost Sunday 2019:

Four (4) parishioners will be selected to serve a three-year term)

~~*Section 8: Beginning with the selection of members in 2019, four (4) members will be selected annually to serve a 3-year term on the council. (DELETE)*~~

- b. At a previous meeting, a suggestion was made to have the Pastoral Council meet before the committees, so as to give some direction to the committees for action. After with speaking with several committee members, the idea was nixed. The members felt that if their committee meetings started at 7:30 PM, they would run too late into the evening or night.

X. Comments from the Parishioners:

- a. None

XI. New Business:

- a. More conversation centered on the control of our parking lots and how to keep violators from parking there. The first step will be to have new signage prepared, noting that violators will be towed. Secondly, the parish will need to contract with a towing service to deal with the violators. It was also suggest to have the lots chained-off, but this idea was tabled since it would require someone to maintain the chaining and unchaining.

XII. Comments from the Parishioners:

- a. None

XIII. Pastor's Closing Comments:

- a. Father George had no additional comments.

XIV. Adjournment and Blessing:

- a. At approximately 9:13 PM the meeting was adjourned. The meeting concluded with the Council reciting the Doxology after which Father George bestowed his blessing.

Upcoming Pastoral Council Meeting

* Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Standing Committee Meetings

* Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:15 PM

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