

Approved Minutes of Resurrection Parish's Pastoral Council Meeting May 17, 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. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** The business meeting was called to order 7:32 PM by Terry Deitz, chair of the Pastoral Council. Terry also welcomed the newly selected members of Council who were chosen on Pentecost Sunday. Father George opened the meeting with a prayer.
- III. **Roll Call:** Present: Fr. George, Terry Deitz, Barb Dryzal, Lynn Popovich, Alice Voytko, Rick Pavic, Faith Thomas, Bryan Hodos, Jim Kopriva, and Michelle Rager. Absent: Brian Basile. Also missing were Brian Ahlstrom and Lindsey Selan, both who previously resigned their position on Council. The new Council members were present, but not seated with the current Council. Also in attendance were the parish manager, recording secretary and five parishioners. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Approval of the April Minutes:** The April minutes were approved with the three changes noted below:
 - i. The title of item "I." was changed to read *Meetings of the Committees of Council* to better reflect its contents.
 - ii. Under the Liturgy Committee report, item "vi" was changed to read - *The effort to purchase new altar server albs is being tabled. There was low feedback by the servers in responding to the request for their measurements. It is felt that this venture is too costly to pursue without the correct information. The Liturgy Committee will address this topic at a future date.*
 - iii. For item "XIII.," the wording of Father George's comments was rephrased to read - *Father George made a statement about planning for events at the parish, especially those that will require parish funding. Father made it clear that he needs to give his approval before such events and/or projects are scheduled.*
- V. **Father George's Opening Comments:**
 - a. John Onderko will be moving into a part-time position for parish maintenance. Interviews are being held for another part-time maintenance person. The parish will then be served by a two-person maintenance staff, one working mornings and the other afternoons.
 - b. Melanie Harris and her husband, Brian, will be moving from the third floor in Anastasia Hall. Beginning on August 1, Melanie will only be involved with the music ministry in the parish; she'll be relinquishing her secretarial and bulletin composition duties. No firm plans are yet in place as to how these voids will be filled.
- VI. **Status of the Standing Committees:**
 - a. Activities
 - i. Upkeep and cleaning of the Grove continues. Parishioners have been invited to help out.

- ii. Plans for Summerfest 2016 continue. The planning meetings have been well attended with the final meeting to take place on Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 AM at the Grove. Summerfest will take place on Sunday, June 12. The event will begin with a 10:30 AM Mass.
 - iii. *Groovin' at the Grove* will occur on June 18, July 9, and August 13. Before each event, an evening Mass will take place at the Grove.
 - iv. A Fall, 5-day, ticket is being contemplated for late October with the final drawing being held on Halloween.
 - 1. Father George commented that because of our lack of other choices, he has no objection with the selling of chances in the back of the church. His only request is that it is done in a respectful manner.
- b. Communications
- i. A parish youth group will now fall under the auspices of the Parish Family Life Committee.
 - ii. The new format for the parish bulletin is completed and ready for implementation.
 - iii. Current hosting for the web site expires in June. Previously, the committee recommended not renewing the hosting in anticipation of transiting from Drupal to WordPress as the platform for the site. Because the transition is taking longer than expected, Council recommended that we extend our hosting with Host Monster to ensure that the current site would not be lost.
- c. Education
- i. Adult religious formation classes are planned for Sunday mornings to run in conjunction with the religious education classes for public school students. Details still are in the development stage.
- d. Parish Family Life
- i. Parish gifts for baptisms, weddings, and parents who have lost a child (Heaven's Treasure) are now available in the sacristy.
 - ii. The youth group bingo, held of May 15, was a success with a profit of \$554.
 - iii. The cost of the *Pray for Families* window decals is now known. The project still needs approval, and if approval is given, it needs to be determined if the decals be sold or given-away.
 - iv. A diocesan workshop for Catholics experiencing divorce is available. Details can be found in the bulletin.
 - v. A publication from the Family Life Office entitled the *Collection Basket* will now be included with the bulletins.
 - vi. Another Time Out session will be planned for sometime after Summerfest 2016.
 - vii. Friends of St. John the Caregiver information is now available on the book rack in the church. It serves as a resource for those who fill that role.
 - viii. Web-based information is available at netsmartz.org. It's a web site that offers parents information on missing and exploited children.
 - ix. The sewing ministry personnel will be contacted about the availability of prayer blankets for the mission trip.

- x. Parishioners are being asked to pray for the safety of our military personnel.
 - xi. This year's mission trip is scheduled for late July. To date, 54 volunteers (from various parishes and faiths) are involved with nine projects to complete. The budget for this year is \$14,500. The volunteers are seeking donations to help cover the cost of their project. As a means to help raise funds, projects (those that do not require permits) are also being done locally. Those benefiting from the local help are being asked to monetarily support the work of the mission trip. Additionally, this local service is a way of team members to get to know other parishioners.
- e. Liturgy
- i. A Memorial Day Mass is planned for Immaculate Conception Cemetery at 9:00 AM.
 - ii. The transfer (of a portion) of the Holy Eucharist to the Oratory, planned for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (May 29), most likely will be delayed. The letter to the bishop seeking permission to do so was never received in Hollidaysburg. Another request was sent, but approval isn't expected to be granted in time for the planned transfer. Additionally, renovation to the prayer space will not be completed by Corpus Christi. Once finalized and in use, the Oratory will be open during office hours.
 - iii. On June 12 there will be 10:00 AM Mass at the church and a 10:30 AM Mass at the Picnic Grove, prior to Summerfest 2016. The 10:00 AM Mass will be without music.
 - iv. Father George would like to establish a Holy Hour on the first Friday of each month.
 - v. The Liturgy Committee will discuss the possibility of hosting a *Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers*. More details will follow as plans develop.
 - vi. As a complement to our Faith Community, Father George commented that we pray well.
- f. Properties and Maintenance
- i. John Falduto attended the committee meeting and discussed with the group the "old" method of cooling the church by the use of exhaust fans and controlling the sources of airflow. The committee went into the church and tested the method. Noticeable air movement was felt in the sanctuary area and the choir loft. For the system to work properly, the church doors and windows need to be kept closed. Written procedures for operating this system will be published.
 - ii. Work on the kneeler project most likely will start after Summerfest with the labor being supplied on a volunteer basis. The type of foam and vinyl to be used, as well as the cost, is still be explored.
 - iii. Repairs to the statue of Mary, the gift from Immaculate Conception parish, were discussed. After examining the statue, it was felt that only minor repairs were needed to the statue itself, but the base should be replaced perhaps with a marble one. The statue will not be repainted.

- iv. The church floor still needs some minor repairs and some pews relocated. The contractor has been contacted and he is expected to review what still needs to be done. Parishioners can handle the relocation of the pews, but some additional repairs still might be needed to deal with holes in the floor.
- v. The committee is still awaiting a firm quote for the air conditioning project proposed for the kitchen in Resurrection Hall.
- vi. The committee is also awaiting a bid for the repair work to be done on the ramp at the parish center.
- vii. The office wall project is completed. The threshold in the doorway just needs to be removed to eliminate the tripping hazard.
- viii. While discussing the possibility of painting the interior of the church, it was noted that issues caused by water entry needs to be solved first. Water damage has been noticed in a few areas of the church.
- ix. The holes around the church basement windows are still open. It is suggested at our maintenance staff seal the holes to avoid freeze creaking, some of which has already occurred.
- x. It was suggested that as a parish we publicize in the media some of the good that we do. Two examples would be the removal of the church carpeting with the other being our mission trips.

g. Youth

- i. No report.

h. Cemetery

- i. No report.

i. Finance

- i. No report. A meeting will be held as we approach the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

VII. Comments from the Parishioners:

- a. The question was asked if the bars would be replaced on the outside of the church basement windows. Current plans are not to replace the bars.
- b. The comment was made that the “old” method of cooling the church by controlling the airflow didn’t work in the past and most likely won’t work now.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. Work on a memorial garden at the Grove continues. The garden is located at the upper level, in the area behind the booths. The statue of the Risen Lord, donated by Fr. Brian Warchola when he served his diaconate at Resurrection Parish, has been placed on top of the rock that formally was used as the altar. Some additional thoughts were: (i) to name the garden in honor of Sr. Agnese, (ii) to give parishioners the ability to have the names of loved ones inscribed on the pavers in the garden for a nominal fee, and (iii) to begin the inscribed paver project by remembering Joe Weinzierl and Donna Fellows, two Council members who passed away while serving. Terry Deitz volunteered to research the cost of the paver project.
- b. The updating of the *Parish Directory* was deferred to the new Council.

- c. No details are yet known about the diocesan pilgrimage scheduled to be hosted by Resurrection Parish on October 29. The pilgrimage will center on the *Year of Mercy*.
- d. Departing members passed on words of wisdom to the new council.
- e. Monday, May 23 will be Father George's 24th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood.

IX. Comments from the Parishioners:

- a. None

X. New Business:

- a. The outgoing Council members were dismissed and the newly chosen members were invited to come forward. The new Council consists of these members: Bryan Hodos, Michelle Rager, Barb Dryzal, Faith Thomas, Rick Pavic, Ray Gorman, Joe Strihan, Jeff McKissick, Steve Reasbeck, Mary Hanners, Fran Ozog, and Larry Sestrich. Fran Ozog and Larry Sestrich were absent.
- b. Nominations for the three elected positions on Council were taken. By secret ballot, Bryan Hodos was selected as chair. By acclamation, Michelle Rager was selected as vice-chair, and Rick Pavic was chosen as secretary. Father George appointed George Pisula as recording secretary.
- c. Each member was called upon to introduce themselves and give some background about themselves, if desired.
- d. Bryan explained to the new members the workings of the standing committees and invited these members to float between the groups at the next meeting. Each member will serve as a liaison to a standing committee.
- e. Bryan also mentioned an upcoming change to the bylaws of the Council to correct an error related to the selection of members.

XI. Comments from the Parishioners:

- a. None

XII. Pastor's Closing Comments:

- a. Father George thanked the Council members both incoming and out going for their service.

XIII. Adjournment and Blessing:

- a. At approximately 8:53 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, June 21, 2016 at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Standing Committee Meetings

* Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:15 PM

Submitted by
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