

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 18, 2017**

**Present:** Deacon Barry, Chair- Dave Wilmesher, Nick Burakow, Jim Colby, Ed Holzhauer, Loretta Lavanco, Preston Thornton

**Also Present:** Joe Day, George Moonan, Joe Duquette

**Absent:** Fr. Sal, Ken Gerber, Carol Traen

**Opening Prayer:** Ed offered a reading, faith sharing, and opening prayer.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Approved - Nick, 2nd - Ed

**Old Business:**

1. **Entrance / Exit:** Jim Colby gave a status report. He has gathered additional information on the land adjoining the church. He gave us an updated handout. Since there is an access road already in place, we would not have to deal with V Dot for changes to Rt 122. Our current entrance / exit is a safety hazard. A life threatening hazard. With such a large parcel of land, we also would have the ability for additional structures, such as storage for Joyous Junque. There are opportunities for office space, meeting rooms, etc. possibly leaving the current structure for worship only. It was recommended we go forward with reaching out to the bank that owns the land. The bank has an unusually large portfolio of properties. Perhaps they would work with us. Dave says we have to talk to Fr. Sal in order to move forward. Must also talk with the diocese unless it were to be privately purchased.
  
2. **Pastoral Council's role in Budget Process:** In the previous minutes, Joe agreed that it would be consistent with "Called to Serve" guidelines and helpful to have the Parish Council become involved at an earlier stage in the budget process than is now the case in practice at Resurrection. He stated that he would work out a procedure such that the Parish Council would receive ministry budget requests for review and comment before Finance Council approval was confirmed. The first draft forms will be going out soon to request budget needs from all the committees. In March there should be a first draft budget. April should see a balanced or near balanced budget. A balanced budget is due to the Diocese May 15. A joint meeting of the 2 councils was suggested. Dave and George will set a date for that meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Volunteer Breakfast:** All is under control for Feb 25. Dave will put out signup sheet and assignments for our committee. Loretta will do the shopping. JoAnn will provide the eggs from her restaurant. She will not be able to cook the bacon for us as was planned.
  
2. **Healthy Aging.** Barry talked about the Health Cabinet. Pastor Philip is concerned with how to handle things once Tammy is gone. Carilion no longer provides or supports Parish Nurses. The Healthy Aging program is to identify parishioners who have a health care background to volunteer to assist those who have health needs. Barry asked would we be willing to give a grant of \$5,000. to join with TEP's \$5,000. How would this fund be administered? This would be used to reimburse gas mileage, etc. to volunteers. Perhaps financial support could come from the Outreach committee, Holy Strokes, or Joyous Junque. In order to not overlap other charities we have, let's have a written overview of exactly what they are trying to accomplish before we make a decision.
  
3. **Parishioner Memorials:** Barry called the Diocese to see if they had any guidelines. They do not. He then spoke to Deacon Paul, who has experience in doing this. He said anything you put in the building, one must worry about the "tackiness" factor. BARK is strict. Naming buildings after someone leads to future people not knowing that person or why their name is there. Atlanta, GA has a memorial plan for living people. They are given an award. They have guidelines on who to select. Anything we might put outside has less oversight. Where do we draw a line? This topic will be dropped for now. It was suggested we deal with each situation as it arises.

4. **Master Planning:** A master plan has been made for needed changes to the church. The priorities have been set by a survey of our parish. The changes will take place in stages and must be submitted and approved by BARK. It is also affected by the Living Our Mission Campaign limits. Fr. Sal said he would be supportive of any plan he approved. This plan will have to be driven by the Parish Council. The plan must follow BARK rules. Phase one in the priorities is to enlarge the altar space, new furniture for the altar and the carpet needs to be replaced, the Choir must be reoriented. We are not allowed to raise funds until The Living Our Mission Campaign is done. The Campaign has returned some of our money that can be used without raising funds. The Arts and Environment Committee would be the ones to implement this plan. We are not able to ask for funds, but can accept and donations.

- Deacons Comments -**
1. Diocese Commission asks for a History of the Diocese. They are asking each Parish to assign a person to write the history and supply pictures. Loretta has agreed to do this.
  2. Heavenly Hash Mary Kuhn resigned after 22 years. Katie has done it for 2 months and is no longer able to do it. Do we want to ask for a new person or let it go? This will be evaluated. Barry will ask if anyone wants to take it over. Important / current items could go in the bulletin.
  3. Evangelization team: New members Barry, Melissa, Phil Servidea, Bill Hartko, Sherrie Givens is Chair. Christ Renews His Parish, CHIRP is a new program by Matthew Kelly. This program is Driven towards the Parish Community. A parish would have a weekend retreat every 6 months. When they are done, participants prepare the next weekend. This program has been successful in other parishes. The cost is \$40 for the booklet used. It is similar to in some ways to a Cursillo.. Weekends consist of men or women. Dynamic Catholic Group is behind this program and want to expand it.

**Announcements --** The next meeting will be on Feb. 15th at 1:30 PM.

**The Opening Prayer /Faith Sharing / Closing Prayer** will be by Carol Traen

Respectfully Submitted

Loretta M Lavanco