

“Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the Eucharist, we are called to invite all people into a deeper relationship with God and one another.”

PARISH OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Pastoral Council Minutes, March 2, 2017

Attendance: Mary Beth Willett, Philip Roy, Bill Halteman, Matt Ketch, Linda Lawrence-Parrick, Kathy Shorette, Father Bill Labbe, Joyce Traenkner, Alyre Michaud

Excused: Mike Boggs, Sarah Zmistowski,

Prayer: Matthew Valles

- I. Approval of January minutes—Spelling edits will be made to January’s minutes. Bill Halteman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Joyce Traenkner seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
- II. Pastor’s Report

Ice fell off the roof at Holy Family and damaged a stained glass and storm window. Dicon. will be taking care of the stained glass window. We are talking with the insurance company about the storm window.

The electronic organ seems to have died at Holy Family. Getting it fixed or a replacement is being worked on.

The Newman Center renovation project is being worked on. There have been a few different architects that have offered drawings. The building committee is working on this.

JoAnn Hall will be done working for us in May. Her current position includes running the RCIA program. Father Bill is putting together a job description and a search for her replacement will begin shortly.

The council discussed having the Stations of the Cross only at Holy Family on Good Friday in lieu of having them at each of the churches.

Robin will be out for a few months after Easter. Prayers are needed for her during that time.
- III. Council/Commission/Committee Reports
  - A. Worship and Spirituality – Cece Costello- See attached minutes
  - B. Social Justice and Peace – Barbara Falls- See attached minutes
  - C. Lifelong Faith Formation – Krista Culina- Everything is going well.
  - D. Finance – Linda Lawrence—Things are going well. The increase offertory program has worked well.
  - E. Parish Life – Joanne Hall –
- IV. Action Items
  - A. Lectors and EUM – Father Bill is hoping to ask people to take on the role of Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors are needed as well. We’ll put a notice in the bulletin.

B. Bradley Rectory vacant – There are some leads and people interested in renting the space.

C. April Community Supper – April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the date. Some council members should arrive around 3 to start setting up.

V. Old Business

A. Book for Parish Council

Father Bill is going to get a copy of a book called *The Better Pastor* by Pat Lencioni

B. New Vacuum Cleaner in Bradley – Alyre shared that there is a need for a new vacuum for Bradley. There are a few there currently and none of them work well.

VI. New Business/Other

A. Active Shooter Training – Father Bill, Linda, and Greg went to a training on this topic. Father Bill is putting together a committee to look into this topic. This training was required by the diocese.

VII. Adjournment: Next meeting, prayer assignment, closing prayer

Next Meeting: April 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Social Justice and Peace Minutes**

We had a very busy fall at the thrift store and the winter is going well. We have finally gone "high tech" at the thrift store. We now have a cash register, the volunteers are adjusting to using it.

Our parish now has beautiful new freezer in the parish hall thanks to Eastern Area Agency on Aging. Funds were given to purchase the freezer because of our food pantry and community supper that we provide for the region..

Our food pantry usually serves 50- 60 families a month. Thanks to the Daughter's of Isabella we continue to offer fresh fruits and vegetable each month. Our outreach food pantry with the Riverhouse is going well. Ron Gastia says the residents are so grateful for the food. We are now involved with another food project. We are helping the Orono schools with their backpack program. We are helping with items to fill backpacks to send home with students who need food on the weekend.

This winter we have been donating and buying socks and underwear for the Leonard Middle School.

Robin has been such a great help with the community suppers. We serve around 60 people every month with a home cooked meal. I appreciate her letting each group know when it's their turn to serve and putting the menu in the bulletin.

Efficiency Maine gave us LED bulbs to give to everyone who comes into the thrift store and food pantry. They want LED bulbs in every socket in the state of Maine. I am giving each parish council member a box to use in their own homes. They are delivering more carton of boxes this month.

We are having our winter clothing sale, so be sure to stop buy for warm clothes to help you get through the rest of the winter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Falls

**Worship & Spirituality** met on Jan. 31. Discussion was mostly about Lenten preparation. Here's a summary:

- Again, have weekly Stations of the Cross following Thursday mass
- Good Friday Stations at 1 or 2 locations only, OLW and HF. (Poor attendance in the past at SAB and PN, feeling being persons attending there would come to HF)
- Triduum masses to include EM and Lectors from all churches
- Offer Lenten preparation booklets for parishioners, possibly "Little Black Book"
- Organize and place all Lenten events/offerings in bulletin/website ASAP

Also, needing more Extraordinary Ministers (and Lectors) at HF and PN. Group felt, in the past possible names of parishioners were given to the priest from Parish Council and wonder if this would be possible.

Lastly, group will be looking to find an ambassador for Presence Radio Network if one does not exist already.