

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Church of the Assumption / Church of the Resurrection
Monday, April 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N
Aroune, Jim	Y	Parysek, Karen	Y	Alternates:	
Ciaccia, Sandra	Y	Raj, Anita	Y		
		Riordan, Kevin	Y	Mace, Jerry	Y
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	Volkmar, Keith	Y		
Greco, Joe	Y	Walker, Anne-Marie	Y		
Heyman, Father George	Y	Warner, Mark	Y	Guest:	
LaChapelle, Paul	Y			Bridget Nowak	Y
LeBeau, Armand	Y				
O’Gara, Tom	Y				

Meeting called to order: Mark Warner called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

No conflict of interest was identified for this meeting.

Opening Prayer & Scripture: Prayer led by Anita Raj

Approval of ??? Minutes: The March minutes were approved as presented.

Pastor’s Report

1. 44 High Street

- The lawyers have signed off on the contract.
- The abstract is being updated and a survey is being done.
- The proceeds from the sale will go into a stable patrimony account. The 44 High Street property has gone from being a material asset to a financial asset for the parish.

2. Staff Updates

- The diocese now requires that part-time staff needs to work from the parish building rather than remotely like they have been doing earlier during the COVID pandemic. Maura Walsh has submitted her resignation. Steve Smith will not be continuing as a part-time staff member at COTA as well.
- Currently no employees are exclusively just at Church of the Assumption or Church of the Resurrection. Approximately 80% of shared staff is at Church of the Assumption and 20% is at Church of the Resurrection.

3. Finances/ CMA / How to raise money

- Bridget Nowak, the shared finance director, joined our meeting to introduce herself. Her office is located in the Church of the Assumption office.
- During the month of April, there is a matching CMA challenge grant occurring at Church of the Assumption.

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- Our parishes are getting an updated list of parishioners who the diocese sends CMA letters to. Father George plans to check the list to validate who still has any connection with our parish. It is felt that many persons on the diocese's list may have moved, died, or no longer has a connection with the parish. It is felt that an updated list will be a better representation of the number of parishioners to base our CMA contributions on.

4. Post Covid ministry

- The Family Faith Formation program is going well.
- When will ministries return to pre-covid?
- There has been no news from the bishop about the return of choirs and other volunteer ministries and duties.
- The council discussed the need to acknowledge the losses we have all experienced throughout the COVID pandemic. Some ideas for a tangible expression of our loss includes:
 - Focusing on a specific weekend to address this.
 - Creating a "remembrance" board for family and friends – both digital and physical. This could potentially be a project our youth groups could participate in.
 - Planting a tree in memory of COVID sufferers.

Use of Technology

- Father George and Jim Aroune have discussed doing a podcast.
- At the masses this weekend, Father George will ask parishioners to submit questions that might be possible topics for future podcasts.
- Details for links to the podcasts will be available at a later date.

Supporting Black & Minority Owned Businesses

- There are no preferred vendors identified by the diocese, however, there are long standing relationships with some vendors for our parishes.
- Due to lack of time, we will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Closing Prayer: Anita Raj led this prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Karen Parysek
Recording Secretary