

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Church of the Assumption and Church of the Resurrection Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

COTA and COR - PPC meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018
Resurrection Church – 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N
Allen, Lynn	Y	Fr. George Heyman	Y	Thompson, Bill	Y
Baker, Barbara Sister	Y	LeBeau, Armand	Y	Thompson, Jacky	Y
Case, David	Y	LeBeau, Shannon	N	Walker, Anne-Marie	Y
Ciaccia, Sandra	Y	Merante, Melinda	Y	Wolf, Connie	N
Diggins, Phyllis	Y	Nguyen, Helen	Y	Parasek, Karen (1 st alt)	Y
Dreitlein, Bill	Y	O’Gara, Thomas	N	LaChapelle, Paul (2 nd alt.)	N
Gleason, Rich	Y	Reitz, Greg	Y		
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	Fr. Carlos Sanchez	N		

Photos of PPC Members: Individual photos were taken of PPC members in attendance by Hank Maher.

Action Items: Helen will email members not in attendance to see if they can provide a photograph. Hank will provide the photos via CD to Helen who will upload to the shared Google drive for the two parishes. Maura will upload the photos to the parishes website.

Meeting called to order: Dave Case

Opening Prayer & Scripture: Prayer led by Bill Dreitlein and discussion of Scripture by All Members.

- The Scripture asked what issues cause anxiety for the community. Members discussed how drug use is increasing and how addictive the new drugs are for people.
- We also spoke of how we can get our youth and young adults passionate for the church. Many children when they leave for college stop going to church and many get married outside the church.
- We prayed for guidance on these issues, as well as the poverty that many children experience which result in them going hungry.

Approval of November Minutes: Minutes approved with the exception to remove “Confidential” at the bottom of the pages. The Minutes can be posted online with the exception of any section of meetings that are determined to be “Confidential” and that should be conducted as an “Executive Session”.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NAMETAGS: Sister Barbara contacted Penfield Trophies who could make name tags that have a magnetic backing for each member for \$7 each with the following specifications:

- Light Background
- Dark Font
- First and Last Name – Upper and lower case lettering
- Picture of cross
- **Action Items:** Helen will send Sister Barbara a roster list with the spelling of all members' names. Sister Barbara will contact Penfield Trophies to order name tags. We will get a proof to approve.

REPORT FROM COTA'S FINANCE COUNCIL: Shannon Bigongiari provided a report on COTA'S finances.

Diocese Seminar: Shannon shared how members of the Finance Council attended a seminar by the diocese in the Fall and the following were discussed:

- Shannon provided a document from the seminar and gave it to Dave Case. We will make a pdf of the document and share it with the other PPC members via email.
- **NYS Subpoena of Catholics:** New York State requires all documents from 1950 to now that relate to "investigations" of the church be copied and given to the state.
- The Diocese retained an independent third party arbitrator to review cases that are past the statute of limitations. The arbitrator will be the final decider to whether these "old" cases have legal standing.

Communus Fund Portfolio: The Catholic church keeps all funds in an investment account. As of mid-October it was up 9.1% but it may have decreased since then with the recent stock market declines in November and December.

Cemeteries: The attendees of the seminar received an overview about the cemeteries and a grant program to help parishes make repairs.



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Overall Finances: In terms of overall finances, Resurrection is performing better than COTA as of the third week of November.

COTA's finances are significantly down when it comes to collections and attendance is also down.

Table with 3 columns: COTA, Attendance, Collections. Rows for JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, and a summary row for Revenue.

Expenses: Fortunately, COTA did not spend as much money as projected in the budget. Specifically, the church saved money when it came to staff payroll and benefits when Father George and Father Carlos Sanchez came.

CMA APPEAL: There are 551 CMA households for COR and 2,798 CMA households for COTA. How can we increase participation?

ROLE OF DEACONS AT MASS: There was a discussion about the changes implemented for Deacons this year (i.e., preaching once a month, assignment to masses and kneeling at the altar during the Eucharist).

- Assignment/Scheduling for Masses: While Deacons were previously and routinely scheduled to attend masses, Father George cited a reminder from the Bishop that Deacons are volunteers, have important work outside of Mass, and that Deacons are busy performing other valuable services for parishioners.

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- **Homilies:** Deacons have the opportunity to preach a homily once a month.
- **Kneeling at the Altar during the Eucharist:** While it is ideal that the Deacon kneels when he is at the altar during the Eucharist because there is a basis in the Bible for this procedure, Father George said that if kneeling is too difficult for health reasons, he can stand.

WEBSITES AND CHURCH BULLETINS: The PPC did not have enough time to discuss the websites and church bulletins so we will move those items to the agenda for the January meeting.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FOR PPC: The PPC did not have enough time to discuss the Easter Egg hunt or the specific role of the PPC with regard to social events so we will move those items to the agenda for the January meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019 at COTA

- Closing Prayer Led by Maria Gonzalez-Smith and participated by all members

Respectively submitted,

Helen Nguyen
Recording Secretary