

**JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, April 8, 2019  
Resurrection– 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	N
Case, David	Y	LeBeau, Armand	Y	Thompson, Jacky	Y
Ciaccia, Sandra	Y	LeBeau, Shannon	N	Walker, Anne-Marie	N
Diggins, Phyllis	Y	Merante, Melinda	Y	Walsh, Maura	Y
Dreitlein, Bill	Y	Nguyen, Helen	Y	Wolf, Connie	Y
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	O’Gara, Thomas	N	Parysek, Karen	N
Fr. Carlos Sanchez	Y	Reitz, Greg	Y	LaChapelle, Paul (1 <sup>st</sup> alt.)	N
		Reitz, Cathy	Y		

**Meeting called to order:** Dave Case

**Opening Prayer & Scripture:** Prayer led by Armand LeBeau. We want parishioners to see that they belong to both Resurrection and Assumption. PPC members should try to attend social events hosted by both parishes.

**Approval of March Minutes:** Minutes approved

**1. ELECTION OF NEW PPC CANDIDATES FOR 2019-2020:**

- **Term Ending:** This is the last and third term for Lynn Allen, Connie Wolf and Melinda Merante.
- **Members Continuing:** Sandy Ciaccia and Bill Dreitlein are staying on the PPC for the 2019-2020 term.
- **New Members:** Need about 5-6 new PPC members: 3 new members and 2-3 alternates. There is no limit on the number of alternates. Maybe a total of three members from COTA and 2-3 members from COR. There was discussion about having a Teen representative if one will agree despite his or her busy schedule.
- **Bulletin Article:** Article in both church bulletins should emphasize that it is a Joint Parish effort of COR and COTA and that it is a team of parishioners vs. committee.
- **Announcements or Two Minute Talk:** Bring up the nomination process in the announcements or a Two Minute Talk (TMT). If a TMT is necessary, ideally a COTA and COR member should pair up together to attend each mass.
- **Alternate Position:** For the new Alternates a complete description of their role should be given.
- **Deadline for Nominations:** The date of June 2<sup>nd</sup> was selected for nominations. On Sunday June 9, Father George will select the members.

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### **2. PASTOR'S REPORT BY FATHER GEORGE HEYMAN**

- CMA's: The second collection that occurred this month for the CMA raised an additional \$10,000 by COTA and \$3,500 for COR. There is concern about how the parishes can continue to meet the CMA amounts in future years, especially if the trend continues with regard to attendance declining across all Catholic churches in the country.
- Greeters at COTA: Discussion occurred how parishioners at COTA should feel welcomed and greeted by ushers, greeters or some type of hospitality group.
- Coffee Hour: Father George and others would like to see the Coffee/Donut Hour at masses.
- Child Victims Act: The legislation provides a time period where people can file lawsuits asking for damages from August 2019 to August 2020. How will the Catholic church address this? Discussion occurred about having a "renewal of our faith" message and a possible collective gathering at the Blue Cross Arena or some other venue.
- Budget Process: COTA has a significant budget deficit. The actual expenses have been less though than what was forecasted for the budget.
- Men's Ministry & Men's Liaison Position: There is most likely not enough money in the budget to have a paid position for a men's liaison or coordinator for CYO and Knights of Columbus but the parishes should do what they can to get men more involved in the church. Donna DeJoode is working on ideas of adult enrichment social events that men can participate in May.

### **3. YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM AT COTA**

- A subcommittee met that consisted of Bethany Lyle, Cathy Reitz, Donna DeJoode and Father George where they discussed a comprehensive faith formation program that includes formal classes, sacraments, service/volunteerism and a social component.
- Action Plan: The PPC gave Father George approval to implement in Grades 8-12 a comprehensive faith formation program at COTA and to hire a Youth Minister to coordinate this program.

### **4. MASS TIMES: Rationale for Why Mass Times Need to Be Revised**

- We will be a one priest church due to retirements, deaths and decline of new priests.
- Decrease in demographics and attendance. Church congregation is mostly older people.
- Need to maximize church space since many pews are not filled.
- Mantra: Learning to Share More with other parishes

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- The decline in ministers and volunteers to carry on all the masses
- Attention to mourning/loss
- Are there alternatives that the church needs to consider besides changing mass times?

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019 at COTA**

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Melinda Merante and participated by all members

Respectively submitted,

**Helen Nguyen**  
**Recording Secretary**