

MINUTES RESURRECTION PARISH COUNCIL

DATE: April 26, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Recorder: Ann Knepper		MEMBERS		STAFF	
OFFICERS		Abba, Kathy (2016, Finance)	X	Mercer, Tom (2017)	X Ellis, Mike (Deacon)
	Pastor: Hauer, Father Joe	X Dodds, Kara (2018)	X	Nugent, Chris (2019)	X Patch, Ellen (PA)
X	Chair: Schiesl, Kelley (2017, App.)	X Hilby, Bridget (2018)			X Hutchison, Father Michael
	Vice-Chair: Gehling, Tammy (2017, App.)	X Kahler, Sarah (2018, App.)		REPRESENTATIVES	
X	Secretary: Knepper, Ann (2018, App.)	X Leibfried, Connie (2019)		Michael Banwarth (2017 YLT)	
				Audra McMahon (2018 YLT)	X <i>Denotes present</i>

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PRAYER	The meeting opened with prayer facilitated by Chris Nugent.		
MINUTES	Minutes from the 3/15/17 meeting were reviewed and were approved by consensus.		
PAST ACTION ITEMS	None.		
Discussion topics	Parish Council Elections – Kelley distributed copies of the “Parish Council Elections Timeline” again for review. The group discussed the results of calls made to selected parishioners brought up at the last meeting regarding their willingness to be on the ballot. From those calls, we have only 2 definite candidates for 3 open spots – Tom Mercer and Brendan Houlihan. Kelley has been speaking with someone that may be interested but hasn’t made a final decision. Kelley will follow up. Connie proposed the name of another possible candidate; she will make a call to them and let Kelley know the result. Elections will be held on May 20/21. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, 5/21 after the 11:00 mass to count votes. Chris volunteered to help.	Let Kelley know if you can help count votes on 5/21 after 11:00 mass.	

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COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>Youth – The April 23rd Easter Egg Hunt was a bit hit! Feedback on the Living Stations of the Cross was overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>Liturgy – First Communion will occur this weekend at each of the 5 masses. This represents a big change in that separate masses will not be held for First Communicants. Corpus Christi mass planning is underway.</p> <p>Parish Life – Planning is also underway for the Parish Picnic slated for July at Asbury Park. Sarah noted that the food this year will likely be catered. The New Parishioner Brunch last weekend was not well attended. Suggestions are to go from 3 brunches each year down to 2 – in Sept. and Feb.</p> <p>Social Justice – The group continues to discuss ways to educate the parish on Social Justice issues.</p> <p>Faith Formation – Chris noted that Holy Week falls during Dubuque schools’ spring break next year. There was some discussion regarding the impacts this may have. The new Middle School RE program for 7th & 8th graders was explained. It is more small group discussion based rather than a traditional classroom format. It also includes activities like a Service Night and a Social Night. This summer’s RE program will still have a traditional classroom format (4 hour sessions).</p> <p>Stewardship – There was a desire by some on the Stewardship Committee to implement a short social time at the beginning of all masses like some other parishes do. Could maybe introduce visitors and acknowledge birthdays & anniversaries during this time as well. Tom asked for feedback from Parish Council. The group generally felt that having a social time before mass would make it difficult to get into an appropriate reverent mode for mass. If socializing and fostering community is the goal, perhaps cookies or snacks could be provided after other masses like we do with donuts</p>		

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	<p>at 7:00 and 9:00. Or, at the end of masses before the final blessing, visitors could stand up and be welcomed, and maybe once monthly, those having a birthday or anniversary during that month could stand up and receive a blessing.</p> <p>Finance Council – Finances are still looking very good.</p>		
PASTOR'S REPORT	- None		
NEXT MEETING	<p>Wed., May 24th 5:30 p.m. St. George Room Prayer Leader: Sarah Kahler Agenda Items: - Budget approval for 17-18 ?</p>		