

	Meeting Minutes Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting	COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Council:	Community Council
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021
Minutes Prepared By:	Debbie Hemann

Attendees:	Fr. Mike Byron	Dale Nelson
	Carol Bishop	Bruce Koehn
	Laurie Youngers	Mary Frances Messer
	Karen Wilder	Shari Steffen
	Barb Hokanson	Tish Osborn
	Mary Lanners	Clarissa Lobo
	Mary Lillicrap	Brad Schleif (via Zoom)
	Phyllis Olson	Debbie Hemann
	Jeanne Roffee	Mary Frances Messer
Absent:	Patricia Hughes Baumer	Carolyn Zucker

Opening Prayer:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Dale Nelson

Approve Last Month Minutes: Minutes of the June 15 minutes were approved

Approved Revisions: N/A

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members briefly introduced themselves.

2. Introduction and Welcome of Laurie Younger, Director of Worship and Music

Carol introduced Laurie and asked her to share a little about herself. Laurie is originally from Iowa. She worked in Princeton, Minnesota as a Director of Worship and Music and for the last 20 years she has worked at St. Mary's parish in Alexandria in the same capacity. She will begin her new position on September 1, 2021. Fr. Mike shared with everyone that the Search Committee's decision to hire Laurie was unanimous!

3. Appreciation and recognition for outgoing Community Council Chair

Gratitude and appreciation were expressed by Carol and Fr. Mike and all CC members for Dale's leadership as Community Council Chair this past year.

4. Nomination and Election of Community Council Chair

Dale opened the floor to nominations for the 2021-22 Community Council Chair. Phyllis Olson said she would like to finalize her discernment with the group by first sharing her thoughts about how she would envision leading the meetings if she were chair and to discern if this was a direction that council members were open to. Phyllis' thoughts included the need to make intentional time within the CC meetings to discern the direction the Holy Spirit in planning for the future of Pax Christi; spending more time in visioning and less time receiving reports; also re-thinking the structure of the CC to allow more time for discussion and communal discernment. Phyllis asked for each individual's response to her thoughts about re-imagining the direction of the Community Council. In summary, members expressed openness to this direction and the need for change. Shari Steffen nominated Phyllis Olson for Chair; there were no other nominations. CC members affirmed Phyllis as the new CC chair.

5. Request by Fr. Mike to share Pax Christi Space

Fr. Mike said that he has been approached by a friend of his, Trish Vonni, who is looking for worship space for the Ecumenical Catholic Community (ECC). Due to time constraints, Phyllis suggested that we make this an agenda item for the September 21 meeting.

6. Community Council Retreat

Carol reported that she had talked with the three at-large CC members earlier in the summer to get their ideas regarding a retreat for CC. With affirmation from the at-large members, Carol and Fr. Mike have engaged a retreat facilitator, Sr. Kathleen Storms, S.S.N.D to lead the retreat. Carol asked that we hold the dates of November 6 and November 13 as possible days for a half-day retreat. More information to follow.

7. Fall Synod Small Groups

Carol distributed two handouts from the Synod documents regarding the upcoming parish small discussion group, the Synod process and Year Three of the Synod. Phyllis briefly described the three areas that surfaced from the diocesan Listening Sessions in 2019-2020. These included: Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization, forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call, and forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

8. Staffing Changes

Carol shared the following staffing changes: Part-time, Administrative Assistant, Maria Miller has left Pax Christi due to a long commute. Ken Reineccius, Operations Manager, will retire at the end of the year. Jessie Johnson, Senior High Faith Formation minister, is leaving Pax Christ this week to move to Rochester. Each of these position descriptions will be reviewed by Carol to determine if changes need to be made.

9. Council Photos

Carol announced that group photos of individual Councils will be taken at the September Council meetings. For those who might be doing hybrid or virtual meetings, please contact Carol to let her know how you want your group to be photographed – in person or a Zoom screen shot like was done last year.

Next Meeting – September 21, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm



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ARTS, CAMPUS,
& GARDENS

Council:	Arts, Campus and Garden Council	
Meeting Date:	August 15, 2021	
Minutes Prepared By:	Pat Nault	
Attendees:	Tish Osborn	Tony Anderson
	Tom Scheller	Kate Hanson
	Pat Nault	Renee Lubratovich
	Ken Reineccius	Paul Cress
Absent:	Kevin Roth	Dan Ward

Opening Prayer: Tom Scheller

Call to Order: Time: 7:40 PM, by: Tish Osborn

Approve Last Month Minutes: Moved to accept by: Paul Cress, seconded by: Kate Hanson

Approved Revisions: N/A

Topic: Welcome/Introductions

Discussion: Tish welcomed all members new and old. Each member introduced themselves with a short introduction.

Topic: Community Council Report

Discussion: Tish provided a briefing on the main topics from the Community Council on the same night. Phyllis Olson is the new chair of the Community Council. Photo shots of the individual councils will take place at the September council meetings.

Topic: Arts, Campus, and Gardens

Discussion: As members, please be the eyes and ears of the property. If you see something that needs to be attended to, please bring it to the attention of this council. It is important that we provide a safe and welcoming environment both inside and outside the building. A 6-foot stump was left in the St. Francis garden for the purpose of a carving of some type - St Clair? Three ash trees in front of the church are aging and will need to come down.

We got 10 gallons of honey this year from our bees that must be put in jars.

There are several interior projects that need to be done, one of which is the pews need to be cleaned and possibly re-oiled due to spraying for COVID. 3 parishioners have been taking care of the interior plants and they look great.

Topic: Gardens

Giving Garden: Encourage council members to check out the Giving Garden that supports PROP. This is a justice council ministry.

The Sanctuary Butterfly Garden: These are combined now. They have been weeded and renovated and look great. They are just outside door 7. Tish mentioned it would be nice to have wood rounds from a tree we cut down to place stepping pads in the garden. Ken indicated this could easily be done. Paul suggested soaking them in linseed oil first or they will rot quickly. They should last 5 years or so if you do this.

The Herb Garden: Items from here are also collected and dropped off at PROP by Steve Olinger.

Welcome Garden: This was a collaboration of a variety of the councils and is located outside the main entrance -- door 3.

Annual Garden: Outside door 1 and maintained by Delores Fischer.

Topic: Miscellaneous Projects:

Discussion: In general, there is a lot of cut wood around the grounds from recently cut trees that needs to be hauled away. Big stuff, people just take away if it is left there. Small stuff could possibly be mulched up for the gardens but it can be difficult to get equipment to the locations. The branches would need to be hauled out to a more convenient location.

A recent project to repair the deck appearance was completed. Vertical columns were re-stuccoed. One of the steel beams connected to the church is deteriorating, but is not a safety issue. A local contractor is going to take a look.

Computer upgrades were done this year. Two old servers are needing replacement. We are looking at contracting for cloud storage offsite. With Ken leaving at the end of the year, the role he currently fills may change and this would be one less IT item for the new person to deal with. They may or may not have the background.

We received a proxy from the diocese to modernize the elevators. Bids were \$163K to \$220K. We accepted a bid with Minnesota Elevator located in Mendota Heights and received a discount to bring the total to \$157K. This contractor was recommended by a couple other local churches. The update includes 1 year of maintenance which can run a few thousand dollars.

Topic: Summer Projects Yet to be Completed:

Discussion: Entrance 2 by the kitchen is in the middle of a retaining wall renovation. A short concrete wall with a wood retaining wall on top is being built. Fascia by the Sanctuary Garden must be replaced; roughly 220 Sq. Ft of it. It is full of holes from birds. This could possibly be done by the hard hat group.

Topic: Signage:

Discussion: To advance this project, we need a couple people to meet with Ken and Nick Markel, the iconographer to finalize the look of signage. Tish, Tom, and Renee volunteered to participate. Ken will find availability with Nick and schedule a 1-hour meeting on a Friday.

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
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Schedule a meeting with Nick Markel, Tish, Tom, and Renee to choose the final signage for rooms.	Ken	September 2021
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Topic: Opening Prayer:

Discussion: We agreed that whoever takes the meeting minutes going forward will also lead the opening prayer for that meeting,

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn by Tony Andersen, seconded by Paul Cress, time approximately 8:45 PM

Scribe Schedule for Meetings and Opening Prayer:

September 21 - Kate Hanson

October 19 - Paul Cress

November 16 - Tony Andersen

December 21 - Tom Scheller

January 18 -

February 15 -

March 15 -

April 19 -

May 17 -

June 21 -



Meeting Minutes
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Council:	Care and Support Ministry	
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021	
Scribe:	Mary Boerner	
Attendees:	Mary Lillicrap	Carolyn von Weiss
	Mary Boerner	Phillis Bennett
	Lisa Schuette	Anita Lang
	Marge Dubbelde	Mary Lou Alesso
	Jean Thoresen-Director Care and Support	
Absent:		

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mary Lillicrap.

Opening Prayer/Reflection: The Art of Accompaniment. Become Aware of the presence of God pages 7 & 8 was read and discussed.

Approve Last Month Minutes: Moved to accept by Carolyn seconded by Marge.

Community Council Update: Please see the Community Council Meeting Minutes. Photos will be taken next month. We will meet in person. Marge will be the chair at the next meeting on September 21st.

Directors Report:

Care Center Ministry - Half of the volunteers have decided to come back. When we are fully open this will not be enough. Jean is offering informational sessions and phone calling to recruit.

Funeral Hospitality – 15 funerals were celebrated from mid-June thru mid-August. Discussed the emotional impact of so many deaths as well as the intensity and stress of the work load when so many converge at once.

Anointing Service: **Gathering in Loss and Hope** took place on Wednesday August 11th. 65 people attended and 41 received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Only a few people participated in the small group sessions after.

Care & Support Guidebook:

Mary highlighted areas of the guidebook

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Look over the Guidebook before the next meeting. Review Proposed Idea Form on the last 2 pages. What are the challenges?	All Care and Support council members	September 21, 2021

Next Meeting

Date: September 21, 2021

Scribe for September: Carolyn

Scribe for October: Anita

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn by Anita, seconded by Carolyn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Mission Statement:

Through acts and words, we respond with a compassionate presence for all those in search of support and belonging.



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Communications

Council:	Communications Council	
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021	
Minutes Prepared By:	Sara Byerley	
Attendees:	Dave Wagner	Sara Byerley
	Brad Schleif	Nicholle Check
	Andrea Ward (Director)	Phyllis Olson (member at large)
Absent:		

Opening Prayer: Led by Brad and all participated

Call to Order: Time 7:30 PM, by Brad Schleif

Approve Last Month Minutes: Moved to accept by Brad Schleif, seconded by Sara Byerley

Approved Revisions: N/A

Topic: Communications Council Check-in

Discussion: Need Communications Council members to review and provide feedback on the Tool Box

Decisions:

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Need Communications Council members to review and provide feedback on the Tool Box	All Members	

Topic: Community Council Update

Discussion: Brad and Phyllis shared the topics and decisions of the Community Council.

Leadership Night in September is photo night.

Decisions: N/A

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
N/A		

Topic: Director Report

Discussion: August magazine went out from LPI. Different paper used and resulted in cost savings. Advertising is still an ongoing search for customers. No impact to Pax Christi.

Website has had maintenance performed on it by Andrea from the class she attended. The website is running better. New logo will be implemented soon on the website. The new slogan will be this year’s Stewardship theme so the new logo and slogan will be implemented on the website at the same time the Stewardship theme is released.

Other activities are on hold at this time due to the Delta variant of COVID and staffing changes. Pax Christi will follow the CDC guidelines going forward for the variant. Other decisions will be coming as the situation changes.

Faith Formation numbers are lower, however the message to register was not sent out until July instead of immediately after the previous year’s class. Hybrid model has been talked about but no decision on the use of a fully integrated model for the Faith Formation programs, though they are offering an in-person and at-home option for this year.

Hybrid model and other models for the future will be a Communications Council decision and topic for this year. How can we serve the community in all the ways available and desired?

Decisions:

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Any members or if you know of anyone willing to talk about their involvement at Pax Christi, please let Andrea and/or Maura know.	All council members.	September 2021

Topic: Mass Video Follow-up

Discussion:

Decisions:

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date

Topic: New Business

Discussion: **1)** Magazine moving to publishing quarterly instead of monthly and having a weekly bulletin. At the present time with the pandemic and the changing situations, this will happen a little later. Utilize a QR Code to allow individuals to download the latest mass times and upcoming events. **2)** Developing a Communications Ministry group to learn about how to write about your faith. This could be a source for articles in the quarterly magazine. **3)** What does the Communications Council need to evolve into? We need to continue to offer the technical tools, but what else should this or can this council offer to our community. Communication is the foundation of our faith since faith is relational. Let’s begin to think outside the four walls of Pax Christi.

Decisions: We will discuss the video screens and usage next meeting.

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is needed to move to a quarterly magazine instead of a monthly magazine. ● Think about what the Communication Council should work on this year. 	<p>Andrea</p> <p>All council members</p>	<p>September meeting and following meeting</p>

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn by Brad Schleif, seconded by Nicolle Check, time 8:44 pm

Scribe schedule for meetings:

August 17 - Sara

September 21 - Dave

October 19 - Nicolle

November 16 - Sara

December 21 - Dave

January 18 - Nicolle

February 15 -Sara

March 15 -Dave

April 19 - Nicolle

May 17 - Sara

June 21 - Dave



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Hospitality & Community
Outreach

Council:	Hospitality & Community Outreach Council	
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021	
Minutes Prepared By:		
Attendees:	Hermes Cervantes	Carol Bishop
	Marc Nosal	Karen Wilder (Chair)
Absent:	Cathy Ohser	Kim Smith

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Karen Wilder

OPENING PRAYER

Approve June Minutes: Moved to accept

Approved Revisions: N/A

Mission Statement: *The Hospitality & Community Outreach Council creates a sense of community and belonging through active fellowship, connecting ALL to God and one another.*

Purpose Statement: *The Hospitality & Community Outreach Council nurtures an atmosphere of hospitality that actively and graciously invites and welcomes all, building relationships that create an inclusive culture. As individuals acknowledge God as their Generous Creator, the council offers opportunities for expression of our profound love and gratitude to God for our many gifts. Our gifts of prayer, service and sharing are expressed in multiple ways by participating in community life and hospitality functions. The outreach of these programs will be expanded to include the community beyond the parish campus.*

1. Report from Community Council Meeting – Karen

Discussion: Highlights of Community Council meeting – Welcomed Laurie Youngers, new Director of Worship and Music. Dale Nelson completed his role as Community Council Chair. Phyllis Olson was elected new Chair. She briefly discussed her vision for the future. Asked: what can we do to transform our Parish Community? How do we support youth and young adults and engage them?

Staff changes: Ken Reineccius is retiring, other leaving include Jessie Johnson (youth leadership) and Maria Miller.

A Community Council Retreat is tentatively planned for November. Focus: Contemplative listening and review of strategy.

Decisions: see above

Action Item(s) for this Topic: see above

2. Paul Bernabei – update and next steps

Discussion: Timing for presentation, “Hospitality – Pax Christi’s Gift to the 21st Century”

Ideas for sharing Paul’s communication:

Action Item: Table till next meeting

3. “Welcome Back” celebration Mass - Fall/Winter – All

Discussion: Fall Celebration date

Decisions: Sept. 18, 2021

Action Items for this Topic: Aim for mini-muffins or mini-cupcakes and beverage following Masses

4. Update on new Council members/ scribe for Council meetings? - All

Discussion: Marc Nosal new member welcomed.

Decisions: Karen to connect with absent Council members

Action Items for this Topic: Option to rotate scribe for Council meetings. Hermes volunteered to take notes during this meeting.

5. Other topics, issues? – All

Discussion: Carol distributed “The Art of Accompaniment” Pamphlet

Faces in Blue-Law Enforcement – national weekend recognition October 08-11, 2021

5 K Family walk around Church / Mass / Blessing / breakfast - TBD

First Responders / Health Care workers / Thank You / Mass / Blessing /refreshments /food trucks - TBD

Food Trucks after Mass / Sat / Sun- TBD

Decisions: “The Art of Accompaniment” Pamphlet (Conversations on becoming the kind of parish the church needs today); read pamphlet and discuss at the next meeting

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2021



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Finance and Development

Council:	Finance & Development Council	
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021	
Minutes Prepared By:	Jerry Marick	
Attendees:	Mark Chronister	Jerry Marick
	Jay Jensen	Jeanne Roffee
	Bill Kozik	Sandy Towey
	Lindsey Perkins	Jeff Schuh
	Sue Fier, Finance Director	Zach Wallace
Absent:	Bruce Koehn, Trustee	

Opening Prayer: Led by Jeanne Roffee

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:29 PM by Jeanne Roffee, Chair, which included a Welcome/Introduction and Icebreaker question to all.

Approve Last Month Minutes: Motion to accept by Mark, seconded by Jeff, motion passed

Community Council Report: Jeanne reported on the Community Council meeting. Details will be contained in the minutes of the Community Council.

Monthly Financial Review: Lindsey reviewed the June financials, and all was in order. Sandy reviewed the July financials, and all was also in order.

Sue reported that **July** regular contributions of \$140,675 were \$5,675 above budget to start the new fiscal year. She further reviewed the highlights of last months financial statements which are detailed in her report to the Council.

Sue will be finalizing, for the October, 2021 Parish Magazine, the narrative for publication of the **Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2021**. This detailed narrative will be added to the home page of our Google Drive by Friday of this week for review. Mark has agreed to audit the financial numbers.

Updated Leadership Matrix: Jeanne stated that the prospect list for future new F & D Council member recruitment is being added to and updated for Spring, 2022 contact and follow-up.

Committee Assignments: Sandy and Lindsey will serve on the Audit Review Committee. Jeff (Chair), Jerry and Zach will serve on the Investment Sub-Committee. Jay Jensen will Chair and serve on our new Capital Improvements Sub-Committee.

Investment Review: Jeff reported positive fiscal net portfolio returns for the 12 months ending June 30, 2021, as follows: Stonebridge Capital Advisors/Fixed Income was 1.25% and Vanguard Funds/Equity Fund accounts was 41.42%. Our combined/blended return on these Long-term investments was 7.57%. Jeff also reported investment net returns for July of: Stonebridge was 0.35% and Vanguard was 2.73%. The July blended return was 0.82%. The Investment Sub-Committee met on July 2, 2021 and recommended the Managed Fixed Income remain at Stonebridge Capital Advisors, and a motion was made by Jeff seconded by Jerry, which motion passed unanimously. It was further reported the Community Council approval of bids totaling \$157,000 for two (2) new building Elevators is to be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund.

The Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund has grown to \$736,200 as of June 30th. The endowment fund is managed by Catholic Community Foundation using a pooled investment approach and earned a 30% net return in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Action item: Jeff will call an Investment Sub-Committee Meeting before our September meeting, for analysis and recommendation to the Finance Council as to possibly investing a portion of the General Cash Management Fund into equities. Secondly, analyze and recommend, also to the Finance Council, a “Down Equity Market Investment Scenario.”

Old/New Business: Current year Council Goals will continue to be reviewed in September and October meetings. Jerry asked, because of the increasing number of files on Google Drive, if we could eliminate or archive files to save time searching for the needed file? Sue will Review.

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:45PM by Jerry, seconded by Zach, motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021:

- 1) Lindsey will take minutes
- 2) Reminder: We are having our Group Finance Council picture taken



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Justice Council

Council:		Justice		
Meeting Date:		August 17, 2021		
Minutes Prepared By:		Martha Petry		
Attendees:	x	Joan Howe-Pullis, Staff	x	Mary Lanners (Chair)
	x	Wayne Ward	x	Miriam Porter
	x	Cecilia Cervantes	x	Martha Petry
	x	Hilda Green	x	Angela Senander
	x	Pat Hanson		
Absent:				

Opening Prayer: By Council Chair

Call to Order: Time 7:30 pm, by Council Chair, Mary Lanners

Approve Last Month Minutes: Moved to accept: Approved via Email

Approved Revisions: NA

Updates from Joan Howe-Pullis

Reminder of Justice Council Goals from last year

- Continue to shine a light on racial justice through Justice Speaker Series
- Continue alignment with Strategic Plan—using language of “Calling,” e.g., Community Calling Project in conjunction with St. John’s
- Completed Just Faith Programs, making sure Justice Speaks are in sync.

Exciting New from Mary Lanners who secured these speakers:

- Sister Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking, is Justice Speaker for Sept. 8, 2021
- Daniel Brady who is Director of Volunteer Engagement and Hospitality from Open Arms, will address Food Insecurity in the City, October 13. Also we will have an opportunity for Pax Christi Parishioners to volunteer.
- Charissa Verdoorn, Outreach and Policy Manager from Interfaith Power and Light, will present relationship between the climate and the environment and connections to faith, understanding our call, in March.

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Discussion of Other Inquiries and Suggestions for Speakers Speakers are needed for November, January, and February 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7-8:30 pm	All Justice Council Members	

Resma Menakem, author of My Grandmother's Hands, speaking on embodied experience of racism, culture, and individual Drama—as part of Racial Healing Series	Joan Howe-Pullis	ASAP
Jim Bear Jacobs, Co-Director of Minnesota Council of Churches, Program Director of Racial Justice, and a profound storyteller, speaking on Racial Healing from Indigenous Perspective	Joan Howe-Pullis	Continue Contact
Gun Safety with 3 Pax Christi Parishioners—a panel with Q & A	Mary Lanners Joan Howe-Pullis	Continue Contact
Pursue Normandale Community College Phi Theta Kappa students for presentation on their award winning Honors in Action Project: The Legacy of Incarceration on Families, particularly parenting	Martha Petry	Continue Contact
Coordinate with other Eden Prairie Elected Officials on their Call to Action Initiatives	Miriam Porter	

Action Item(s): LONG RANGE PLANS	Owner	Target Date
Parish Retreat—Theme, Presentations, Small Group Discussions are in the planning stages	Ad Hoc Group	Saturday, April 30, 2022
Lay Leadership (Worship) Retreat		Early in the New Year

Council Chair reported on the Community Council Updates. For further details, see Community Council Report and Compiled Minutes from each Council.

Closing Prayer: Mary Lanners

Adjournment: Time: 9:48 pm

Scribe schedule for meetings:

August—Martha Petry

September—Hilda Green

October—Wayne Olson

November—Miriam Porter

December--???

January—Cecilia Cervantes

February—Pat Hanson

March—Angela Senander

April—Hilda Green

May—Wayne Ward

June—Miriam Porter



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Lay Leadership Development
& Engagement Council

Council:	Lay Leadership Development and Engagement
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Minutes Prepared By:	Clarissa Lobo

Attendees:	Maura Schnorbach
	Michelle Wieser
	Lisa Sheldon
	Clarissa Lobo
	Lisa Sheldon
	Sheila Ward
Absent:	Jack Kegel

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by Clarissa Lobo

- 1.1 Opening Prayer:** The whole group
- 1.2 Ice Breaker:** Where have you traveled outside of the US?
- 1.3 Approve June Minutes**

June minutes were approved without any additions or corrections. Sheila motioned to move, Michelle seconded.
- 1.4 Community Council Update**

Clarissa gave an update from the Community Council meeting. For details, see minutes of the Community Council when distributed next month.
- 1.5 Overview: LLDE Purpose**

Lisa explained the role of LLDE and how one of our key roles is recruiting new people and discernment. Maura spoke about the Spreadsheet and how we use it as a Dashboard.
- 1.6 Scribe schedule sign up**

Sheila will be scribe in September, Michelle, Jack, Clarissa and then we will rotate.
- 1.7 Lay Leadership Grants** –Lisa spoke about the Grants and the process. We also touched on the Council will not be approving grants in July & December.
- 1.8 Distribute Stories We Live Books** - Maura gave us the overview of the book “the stories we live”. She spoke about our dynamic leadership in Pax. We decided to read 1 chapter before every meeting.
- 1.9 Review Toolbox tools. Discuss possible use of Google Drive for collaboration.**

Lisa spoke about using Toolbox and we can have the Agenda & Minutes saved there.

1.10 What is your dream for LLDE this year? Be creative, share specific details. This is our opportunity to set our main goal for the year

Goal of recruiting 100 new members.

Reach out to High School students

Create a structure or Standard Operating Procedure

Spread the word about LLDE Grant

1.11 40th Anniversary Celebration – Originally planned for September 18 weekend. But because of Covid its going to be decided or scaled back.

1.12 Closing questions/asks to bring to next Community Council-

Keep reminding about the recruiting people

1.13 Adjourn-Sheila Called to adjourn Michelle seconded



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Lifelong Faith Formation

Council:	Lifelong Faith Formation	
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021	
Minutes Prepared By:	Jeanne Carsello	
Attendees:	Scott Brazil	Barb Hokanson (Co-Chair)
	Jeanne Carsello	Patti Christensen
	Jeanene Klecker	Sue Smith
Absent:	Gary Shipp	

Opening Prayer: Prayer for All Good Gifts read by Scott

Call to Order: Time 7:30pm

Approve Last Month Minutes: Moved to accept by Scott Brazil, seconded by Patti Christensen

Approved Revisions: N/A

Faith Formation Update: Scott Brazil

Discussion: The 2021-22 program registration is on-going. It is good to see that some families who did not attend last year are returning. Jessie Johnson is leaving. Finding her replacement is under way.

The high school program needs special focus this year. There is a possibility of changing the Sunday schedule to allow for family dinners and accommodate covid safety precautions.

Community Council Report: Barb Hokanson

Please see Community Council minutes.

Jeanne Carsello will be secretary for 2021-22 Sue Smith offered to help

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date

Topic: Patti Christensen suggested hosting a Wine Women and Justice evening. This program was very well received two years ago and not possible in 2020.

Discussion: This could possibly happen in November

Decisions:

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date

Topic: Book discussion

Discussion: Should we have a short book reflection during the meeting as we did last year?

Decisions: Meeting time does not allow for a meaningful book discussion.

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Skip book reflection during the meeting this year		

Topic: Explore the possibility of our youth program working with youth programs of other area churches.

Discussion: Scott gave an overview of the Faith Formation program staff and structure. A parent who previously served on the LFFC will come to share her ideas with us at a later meeting.

Jeanene spoke about her experience with TEC retreats. Emphasis on youth programs needs to be fun.

Decisions:

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Research youth programs of area churches. What are they doing with youth?	Jeanene, Sue and Scott	

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn 8:30pm

Scribe schedule for meetings:

August 17 - Jeanne Carsello

September 21 -

October 19 -

November 16 -

December 21 -

January 18 -

February 15 -

March 15 -

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Worship Council

Council:	Worship Council
Meeting Date:	August 17, 2021
Minutes Prepared By:	Lekha Pauly
Attendees:	Mary Wood (Chair) Katie Lenius Danielle Trovato Shari Steffen Joe Meuwissen Jacque Zetting Laurie Youngers Lekha Pauly
Absent:	Beth Neubrech

Opening Prayer: Mary Wood

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by Mary Wood.

Approve Last Month Minutes: Approval occurred prior to this meeting.

Approved Revisions: NA

Community Council Update (Shari Steffen):

Discussion: Please refer to the Community Council minutes.

Introductions by Council Members

Discussion: The council members took turns introducing themselves by providing their name, years at Pax Christi, and ministry areas. Everyone also shared what they hope the council could accomplish in the coming year. Some of the goals mentioned were:

- Find better ways to serve the people while keeping everyone safe.
- Look for ways for the whole human family to live in peace.
- Offer various opportunities to engage people at all comfort levels during the pandemic.

Introduction: Laurie Youngers

Discussion: Laurie, the newly appointed Director of Liturgy and Music, introduced herself to the council. She will be joining Pax Christi on September 1st.

Worship Council Orientation

Discussion: Mary gave an overview of the Worship Council's past and current projects. Danielle described the Taize prayer service that occurred during Lent. We also discussed our "Walking the Way" service and provided a snapshot for Laurie. The council is currently working on our September 25th "Singing the Psalms" retreat and invited Laurie to participate in the same. There was also a discussion of the issues facing the Worship Council and the council's role in helping to navigate the pandemic. The council members were invited to think about other issues that can be added to the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Think of issues facing Pax Christi and the Worship Council that need to be discussed in the next meeting.	All	Sept. 21

Return of Choir: Choir Survey Preliminary Results, Researched Guidelines, and Recommendations

Discussion: A survey was sent to the choir members to gauge interest and obtain feedback on the choir members' comfort level with coming back to choir. At the time of this discussion, the survey had 26 respondents. The majority of the respondents favored returning to choir but with some restrictions. The majority also thought that the members coming back to choir should be vaccinated. Many supported the idea of allowing multiple cantors and/or small groups to sing during mass. At the time of this discussion, the survey had not yet been closed. Council members were advised to review the various resources and recommendations put together by Mary Wood and provide feedback over the next week. There will be more discussion at the September Worship Council meeting to finalize the recommendations before forwarding them to Pax Christi's decision makers.

Action Item(s) for this Topic

Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
Review researched guidelines, survey results, and recommendations, and provide feedback to Mary.	All	Aug. 27

Project Hours Reporting: Volunteer hours will continue to be submitted online using the same process as last year. Mary will set up the 2021-22 spreadsheets and transition this role to Lekha.

Meeting Assignments: The scribe for minutes will continue to be rotated, and Shari will be the timekeeper each month.

Contact information: The roster with contact information was passed around for verification of numbers and email addresses of council members.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm by Mary Wood.

Scribe Schedule for Meetings:

September 21 - Danielle	February 15 - Danielle
October 19 - Jacquie	March 15 - Jacquie
November 16 - Katie	April 19 - Katie
December 21 - Joe	May 17 - Joe
January 18 - Beth	June 21 - Beth

Timekeeper for Meetings:

Shari Steffen

Volunteer Hours Reporting:

Lekha Pauly