

Meeting Minutes

Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council:	Community Council
Meeting Date:	January 19,2021
Minutes Prepared By:	Bruce Koehn

	Dale Nelson – Chair	Cecelia Cervantes
	Fr. Mike Byron	Nicholle Check
	Carol Bishop	Mark Chronister
	Bruce Koehn	Andy Leet
Attendees:		Pat Nault
	Patricia Hughes Baumer	Jacob Plourde
	Mary Frances Messer	Dave Putrich
		Mike Schneider
		Cindy Schuh

Absent:	Carolyn Zucker	

Guest: Cecilia Morris

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Dale Nelson.

Opening Prayer: *In Thanksgiving for Divine Revelation* – led by Dale Nelson

Approve Last Month Minutes: Minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

Mark Chronister Moved. Patricia Hughes Baumer Seconded.

1. **Topic #1:** Carol Bishop, Pax Christi's new Parish Director was introduced. Carol comes to Pax Christi with over 20 years of experience as Parish Business Administrator at St. Olaf and two other parishes. Carol has spent her first two and a half weeks listening and learning her new role.

- 2. Topic #2: Father Mike announced Andrea Ward as Pax Christi's new Communications Art Director leaving a void in her current role. He and Carol are reevaluating all positions and responsibilities before posting a new position. The Community Council thanked Andrea for her note-taking responsibilities for the Community Council over the past year and a half. Mike Schneider raised the question about increasing capacity for Sunday morning and weekday masses. Fr Mike said that staff and trustees would be consulted about raising the number in light of the improved COVID situation and our availability of ushers to maintain a safe environment.
- 3. Topic #3: Dave Putrich announced that he has informed Peg Musegades from the Environmental Justice Action Team that Pax Christi Lay Leadership Grant Board would not fund the membership fee for the Climate Justice Congregation as per last month's Community Council discussion.
- 4. Topic #4: Dave Putrich encouraged the Council chairs to start the recruiting process for 2021-22 Ministry Councils. He said that first year members would be surveyed between now and the February meeting to get feedback on last year's process for purposes of improvement. All chairs should expect a spreadsheet of names and contact information of folks either nominated or showed interested in being on a council from last year, but did not join. We are currently looking for three current lay leaders who would share their story about why they joined a council for the March E-news article. Dave encouraged the use of personal invitation as the most effective means of filling positions. The following timeline will be followed and refined:

March- Nominations are due April- Information night Mid-May- Commitment night **August-Training**

- 5. Topic #5 Logo and Tagline update- Nicholle Check communicated that a new Pax Christi logo has been designed and approved by a Communications Council sub-committee that worked through the summer and fall with Iconographer Nick Markell. Nicholle has requested Nick to provide a written synopsis of the design and color features of the logo for eventual presentation to the Community Council. In addition, Nicholle reports that the Communications Council is continuing to work on rebranding in light of the 40th Anniversary, but won't be presenting to the Community Council until a later date.
- 6. Topic #6 Technology Committee- Cecilia Morris led a discussion about the need for a Technology Committee at Pax Christi. There is consensus that a Technology Committee is needed and would enhance all ministries in the parish. Further definition of needs and priorities and how it would fit the structure of current leadership and staffing still needs development as it would support all current councils. It was suggested that maybe it needs to be a council itself like Communications. The conversation ended abruptly because of Zoom failure without a determination of how this would be further developed.

Next Meeting – February 16, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 due to a Zoom failure or conflict.