



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 2015
8:30 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Fr. Bill Murtaugh, Cheryl Bann, Shari Steffen, Mark Cox, Mike Karas, Jack Kegel, Pat Kelly, Melissa Miller, Mike Schneider, Mary Testin, Phil Trovato, Brian Traxler, Vicki Klima, Bruce Koehn

Absent: Joe Stich, Steve Jacobs

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Mike Schneider asked that all council chairs send the names of their outreach liaisons to him by email so that an orientation meeting for them can be scheduled.

Vicki reviewed the upcoming dates in the discernment for new leaders; calendar: April 28, Exploring Discernment and May 5 for Commitment Night.

Bruce Koehn presented the budget for 2015-16 which the Finance Council passed earlier that evening. A copy of that budget is attached to these minutes. Community Council members discussed the differences between the current year's budget and that proposed for next year, particularly in the areas of salaries/benefits, archdiocesan assessments and general administration. The line item for Catholic Spirit included in the 2014/15 budget is included in the archdiocesan assessment for the next fiscal year. The archdiocesan assessment goes from the current rate of 8% to 9% for the coming fiscal year. After discussion the Community Council passed the proposed budget for 2015/16 as recommended by the Finance Council. Community Council chair Phil Trovato, on behalf of the entire council, thanked all who were involved in preparing the budget.

Cheryl Bann, chair of the Lay Leadership Council, presented the outline of a program for support/mentorship for first year council members. The plan includes presenting opportunities



for new council members to meet together with at-large members of the Community Council as coordinated by Lay Leadership members. The goal would be for new council members to use these meetings as a way to learn the roles of their councils and their individual roles more efficiently and to give them a support and bonding network among themselves as the newest leadership members. The proposal would go into effect for the fall of 2015 and begin in time for the August, 2015 leadership night. Community Council members were in favor of the plan and urged the Lay Leadership Council to bring the completed version to the May council meeting. Community Council members should direct any questions or comments about this proposal to Cheryl or Phil Trovato within the next week.

Phil Trovato announced that the Lay Leadership Council approved the request for a Lay Leadership grant submitted by Peter Bierer to help fund Pax Christi youth attending YTE at St. John's University this summer. He also mentioned that the Lay Leadership council is looking for a new, possibly more descriptive, name to propose as a change for that council for the next year.

Council members also discussed the need for a smooth transition within the Community Council as well as the other councils. Cheryl Bann suggested we discuss ways to provide for continuity from one CC year to the next including learning from those going off council as well as orientation for those coming into the council next fall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Steffen