

Pax Christi Catholic Community

Community Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

Attendees: Mary Beth Buckman, Mark Cox, Mike Karas, Pat Kelly, Mike Kennedy, Fr. Bill Murtaugh, Joan Pare', Peter Rasmussen, Jane Schmitz, Mike Schneider, Brad Schleif, Shari Steffen, Wayne Ward, Joe Stich, Bruce Koehn

Guests: Marcia Kladek (Justice Council co-Chair)

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

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**Rectory Sale Update-** Jane Schmitz reports that showings have been positive to date but also received feedback that the exterior could use some enhancement. Volunteers and staff will clean up deck and landscape. The exterior paint could use some freshening. Ken R is seeking options and pricing. The plan for the present is to make the appropriate enhancements and maintain the original asking price.

**Property Survey** – Jane Schmitz reports that Pax Christi requested a property survey to be completed to confirm encroachment by one of our shared property-line owners. All shared property line owners have been informed of the survey, and pictures have been taken of the markers. Fr. Bill, staff and the parish trustees have consulted with Kristin and Jim Sankovitz, Real Estate Attorneys on next steps. Our insurance carrier Catholic Mutual will be out tomorrow to assess liability concerns with the encroachment. Staff is checking past survey records at the county to see if Adverse Possession could be a concern. Next steps will be determined by feedback and findings followed by a meeting with the neighbor.

**Revised Justice Grant Proposal** –Shari Steffen with the assistance of Peter Rasmussen submitted a revised proposal for increasing the tithe for Justice Grants to the group for feedback. Feedback is still also being sought from Anne Swenson and the Finance Council before a final proposal will be presented to the Community Council for approval.

**35th Anniversary Grant Update-**Justice Council Co-chairs Joan Pare and Marcia Kladek presented options for disposition of the \$35,000 grant. The priorities of the recipients receiving funds would be that the mission of the organization must be committed to eliminating homelessness or providing affordable housing and must promote and provide volunteerism opportunities for the parish. The identified nonprofits were: 1. Habitat for Humanity house in Prior Lake (\$12,000 investment, volunteer requirements of 15 parishioners/ day from October 25<sup>th</sup>- November 5<sup>th</sup>), 2. Bridging Dresser-Build Project (\$4250 investment, youth volunteers in September/ October to build 50 dressers), and 3. HFH Brush with Kindness (\$5000 investment, spring volunteer opportunity for 4 days). Needs, requirements and ability to fulfill commitments still require more formulation. Suggestions included: 1. connecting with Mark Dalsin, who led a parish sponsored Habitat house for the 25<sup>th</sup> Parish anniversary, 2. placing

sign-up sheets out at the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, 3. contacting Hearts and Hammers as another option, 4. Consider giving some of the money to current JGB recipients that need the cash more and are already known to parish and 5. Be clear about parishioner's role in recruiting volunteers and not depending on staff to do same. The Community Council made clear that only concept, and not all details have to be made by the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

**35<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary Celebration** - Mary Beth Buckman reported some decisions have been made about our celebration. Pentecost weekend (May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) will be the event date with treats after all masses. The 11:00 mass would be the celebration of our volunteers, followed by a light lunch, entertainment, and blessing of the Peace Pole. The Pax Christi RunWalkPray 5K Event followed by pancake breakfast would be held on Saturday. Volunteers from leadership would be required to set – up, help hand out seed packets, serve lunch, and clean-up.

**Parish Survey Update** – Mary Beth Buckman reported that the ME 25 survey had 890 responses -half of our original survey yet considered an ample sample by Gallup. We beat our goal by 50% with a .15 increase in engagement on a 5 scale. A meeting with Gallup was scheduled for tomorrow and will be followed up with a written report to share with the parish.

**Leadership Discernment Process** – Mary Beth Buckman, chair of the Lay Leadership Development Council, also reported that we had 52 nominations for Lay Leadership this spring, with 24 folks continuing with the discernment process. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is commitment night at 7:00 PM which will require two members from each Council to attend. Faith Formation, Stewardship, and Pastoral Care still have open seats to fill.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bruce Koehn