

Community Council Minutes
August 19, 2014

Present: Fr. Bill Murtaugh, Vicki Klima, Bruce Koehn, Shari Steffen, Mark Cox, Joe Stich, Steve Jacobs, Mike Karas, Pat Kelly, Melissa Miller, Mike Schneider, Mary Testin, Phil Trovato, Brian Traxler

Absent: Jack Kegel, Fr. Herb Hayek

Bruce Koehn presided over the beginning of the meeting during introductions and the discernment of a new chairperson. Members noted that it was gratifying to see that three members declared their interest in taking on the position of chairperson. Phil Trovato is the new Community Council Chairperson. Another chairperson will be chosen from Lay Leadership to replace Phil in that position.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as written.

Vicki Klima talked about the position description and responsibilities of Community Council members. She highlighted the fact that Community Council members represent the entire parish community as opposed to just the council from which they are drawn. She also mentioned that, in the interests of time, members should read all the materials distributed to them prior to the meetings, so that questions and discussion can proceed immediately on the various agenda items without extra explanation.

Steve Jacobs explained the differences in the new Investment Policy from the one previously in effect. Shari moved and Mike K. seconded the adoption of the updated Investment Policy.

Vicki explained the plans for this year's ministry fair. Councils can determine their level of involvement in the fair depending on their activities and need for information dissemination and volunteers. Mike Schneider suggested that the high top tables could be placed in the middle of the room for parishioners to sign up on the spot for various activities and opportunities for service.

On September 16 members of the Community Council will have a special meeting to go over strategic planning for 2014-15. It was determined that the pre-meeting would start at 5:45, adjourn at 6:25 for prayer and supper followed by council meetings and commence again at either 8:15 or 8:30 to be determined that evening. Council chairs will be charged with ending their council meetings in a timely fashion to allow the Community Council meeting to begin on time. Vicki reported that the ME25 steering committee and she have developed a form for councils to report their progress on their strategic goals in a uniform manner.

Mike Karas, chair of the Facilities Council, reported on the change to LED lighting in the worship space and the anticipated savings in electricity and HVAC as a result of that change. The hallway lighting will also be changed to LED in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Steffen