

Pax Christi Community Council
Minutes
August 16, 2016 Meeting

Present: Mary Beth Buckman, Mike Kennedy, Bruce Koehn, Mary Lillicrap, John Mortier, Fr. Bill Murtaugh, John O'Connor, Joan Pare, Fr. Marc Paveglio, Brad Schlieff, Jane Schmitz, Shari Steffen, Joe Stich, Dave Wagner, Wayne Ward, Jeff Schuh

- 1. Minutes.** Minutes of the may June meeting were approved.
- 2. Role of the Community Council.** Shari explained the role of the Community Council as being that of representative of the entire parish even though many of the members are also involved with one of the eight ministry councils. She also emphasized the practice of consensus decision-making in the community council as well as in the ministry councils.
- 3. Discernment of 2016/17 Community Council Chair.** Joe passed out copies of the accountabilities of the Community Council chair as printed in our council folders. Each of the eligible council members (in either their second or third year on a council) spoke about their willingness to take on the role of council chair. After discussion, it was determined that Joe Stich will serve as Community Council chair for a second term. Mike Kennedy volunteered to serve as chair on any occasion when Joe would need to be away on business.
- 4. Property Encroachment Update.** Jane said that in the past week a registered letter went to the owners of the property in question offering to give an easement on the Pax Christi property in question which would continue until their property is sold and protect Pax Christi in case of an insurance claim on the property in question. If there is no response Pax Christi officials will visit the owners.
- 5. Archdiocese Bankruptcy Update.** Jane reported that Judge Kressel ruled against the motions to consolidate parish assets into the pool of Archdiocese assets available to the survivors of clergy abuse. That ruling is being appealed. The criminal case against the Archdiocese has also been dropped.
- 6. Rectory sale update.** Jane reported that the rectory is being sold for \$555,000. The understanding is that some of those funds will be set aside for the purchase of another rectory, possibly a townhouse nearer the church.
- 7. Justice Grant Funding.** John Mortier explained that there is a change in the formula for figuring the ramping up of the Justice Grant funding. After discussion at the Finance Council meeting, he will bring the revised formula back to the next Community Council meeting.
- 8. Retreat for Community Council.** Shari proposed the idea of a retreat or gathering of the Community Council members. Mary Beth Buckman said that the Lay

Leadership Development Council was considering the idea. Discussion included the fact that this year is the beginning of another planning cycle for the parish and that perhaps that should be included in whatever event the LLD council would set up. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Steffen