



# Meeting Minutes

Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<b>Council:</b>	<b>Community Council</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>8-21-18</b>
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Shari Steffen</b>

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Sara Byerley</b>	<b>Bruce Koehn</b>
	<b>Bob Martinka</b>	<b>Dave Wagner</b>
	<b>Phil Trovato</b>	<b>Jodi Ramirez</b>
	<b>Jane Schmitz</b>	<b>Shari Steffen</b>
	<b>Peg Musegades</b>	<b>Sandra Towey</b>
	<b>Dale Nelson</b>	<b>Alyson Armstrong</b>
	<b>Danielle Trovato</b>	<b>Fr. Mike Byron</b>

<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Fred Baumer</b>	

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Fr. Mike.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Dave Wagner.

**Approve Last Month Minutes:** Minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved.

- 1. Introductions:** Each member introduced him/herself and the council or position each represented.
- 2. Purpose and Mission:** Council members read together aloud the Purpose and Mission of Pax Christi.
- 3. Community Council Chair:** The council discerned that Dave Wagner be unanimously chosen as Community Council chairperson for a second year. He accepted the position.
- 4. Archdiocesan Bankruptcy Victims Fund:** Jane gave an update on the decision for Pax Christi to contribute to the Bankruptcy Victims Fund. The genesis of the fund began at a meeting of representatives from parishes in the Archdiocese held at Our Lady of Grace where it was agreed that any parish who could would contribute to the

Victims Fund in the hope of bringing the negotiations concerning the bankruptcy to a positive conclusion. A Consultation Group met and sent notification to the central committee of the intent of Pax Christi to donate to the fund. It was agreed at Our Lady of Grace that every parish donation would remain confidential as well as whether a parish chose to donate or not. Jane read to the council members the Q & A that is online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com) concerning this contribution. Jane told the council that the donation needs to be made by the end of August and that the ruling of the judge as to whether the agreement is accepted will be made on October 8. Jane also disclosed to the council members the amount determined by the Consultation Group. The council unanimously voted to forward the amount agreed upon to the central committee. It was also voted that the confidentiality should be maintained as concerns the parish at large until after the October 8 confirmation of the plan acceptance. The council also determined that following that date a meeting should be scheduled open to all parishioners to discuss the contribution and any other suggestions for healing for all affected by the abuse scandal. Information about the meeting should be disseminated as widely as possible so that all parishioners will know about the meeting and attend if they are interested. At that meeting several of the Consultation Group might speak about how the contribution came about, how much the parish contributed, what effect that may or may not have on the parish and what other strategies Pax Christi might pursue in regards to healing from the effects on our community and the church at large.

**5. Gift Acceptance Policy:** Sandy presented the revised and updated Gift Acceptance Policy. It was unanimously accepted.

**6. Master Site Plan:** Jodi announced that the Arts, Campus and Gardens Council had interviewed two firms who sent proposals in response to the RFP to develop a master plan for use of building and landscape for Pax Christi. Calyx from St. Paul has been selected. Planning will begin in September. Jodi said there will be open house meetings held during the process to include parishioners at large in the project. The Community Council unanimously accepted the recommendation from ACG.

**7. Communities of Calling Initiative:** Jane announced that Pax Christi has been selected as one of the 14 worship congregations to take part in the Communities of Calling Initiative funded by the Lilly Foundation through St. John's University. Pax Christi is one of two Catholic churches selected. The Communities of Calling project is about discerning how Pax Christi can become a community that listens for people's vocational stories, helps them deepen their awareness of God as the source of their callings, and invites them to use the Spirit's gifts for service and mission at home, work, and in the community.

The members of the core group to represent Pax Christi are Fr. Mike, Jane and MacKenzie Kloempken, a member of the Worship Council. As Jane reported, "This is a big deal for Pax Christi." Pax Christi is the largest church chosen to participate.

**8. Leadership Retreat:** Phil announced the Leadership Retreat to help all members of the leadership and staff at Pax Christi become better acquainted with the newly-adopted Strategic Plan will be held Saturday, September 29 from 8:00am-12:30pm. Fr. Tom Sweetser, SJ, will facilitate the retreat. It will be held in the Hall of Martyrs and Dorothy Day spaces.

**9. Flocknote:** There was a request that Flocknote be used as the main communication tool for Leadership. The decision was tabled until further discussion of impact could be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Shari Steffen.