

 <p>PAX CHRISTI <i>Catholic Community</i></p>	Meeting Minutes	COMMUNITY COUNCIL
	Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting	

Council:	Community Council
Meeting Date:	8-27-19
Minutes Prepared By:	Shari Steffen

Attendees:	Fred Baumer	Mike Schneider
	Dave Wagner—outgoing chair	Dave Putrich
	Fr. Mike Byron	Phyllis Olson
	Dale Nelson	Shari Steffen
	Mike Kennedy	Jane Schmitz
	Mary Frances Messer	Bruce Koehn
	Ricardo Ortiz-Nava	Julie Tyler
	Cindy Schuh	Andy Leet

Absent:	Nicholle Check	

1. Fred Baumer led the opening prayer.
2. Dave Wagner opened the meeting and presided over the selection of a new Community Council Chair. Fred Baumer was unanimously named as the new chairperson.
3. Minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting were approved.
4. **Communities of Calling**
Fr. Mike and Jane gave an update on the progress of the Communities of Calling project. Fr. Mike reported on the feedback the Pax Christi group including himself, Jane Schmitz, and Mackenzie Kloempken received on their proposed project. A revised proposal is due

September 1 focused on developing specifics as to how our community members can understand and live out our callings within the community and in their lives. They will be expanding the core committee to include one more ordained member (Deacon Al Schroeder), another staff member, and another lay member of the community, the last two yet to be named.

5. Diocesan Lay Advisory Board

Phyllis Olson reported on the Lay Advisory Board (LAB) activities, which at this time are mainly geared to preparing for the Synod scheduled for Pentecost, 2021. As part of Deanery 15, Pax Christi is one of seven parishes who were invited to send one representative each to the LAB deanery meetings. **Everyone can be aware of the Synod planning by going to Pax Christi's Website, scroll to the bottom of the homepage, and click on the "Listening Church" icon.**

She asked council chairpersons to ask their council members to look at the site and participate in seeking out the voices of our brothers and sisters who are on the margins and those who have left the Catholic church to be at the table for the diocesan-wide listening sessions leading up to the synod. **Pax Christi will hold a listening session on January 28, 2020 from 6:00-9:00pm.** Fr. Mike pointed out that the LAB will continue on after the Synod as a conduit of information between the Archdiocesan group headed by the Archbishop and the local parishes.

6. Ministry Councils 2019-2020 Goal-setting

Bruce Koehn asked each ministry council to select a specific goal with metrics for the coming year to be completed by April 2020. The goal should build on the strategic plan's overarching goals of **belonging** and **believing** and be directed outward as much as possible. Outward could mean the "disengaged" or the "wider community." **He provided a worksheet to record the goal and activities toward meeting it throughout the year, asking that after a discussion in the September Ministry Council Meetings, each ministry fill out the worksheet and attach it to their minutes.** If any council wishes to engage the Community Council about their goal, time will be set aside in the October meeting to do so. In the November Community Council meeting, each ministry council will be asked to give a brief report on their activities toward their goal.

7. Lay Leadership Grants

Dave Putrich reported on the recipients of the Lay Leadership Grants for 2019 as follows:

- Jean Thoresen and Diane Scott for BeFriender Training in Sioux Falls, SD.
- Jessie Johnson for attendance at the Religion Education Congress in spring of 2019, inspiring her ministry in engaging the youth of the parish.
- Evan Bierer for attendance at the NCCYM (National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry) in December, 2018, enhancing his skills in creating an engaging curriculum for Middle School Faith Formation.
- Joan Howe-Pullis for her attendance at United Theological Seminary, seeking a degree in Social Transformation to empower the work of the justice ministries in the parish.
- Fund the Leadership Retreat in September of 2018.

The total of all the grants awarded was \$21,050.

8. Jane, along with Council Members, thanked Shari Steffen for her seven years of service as a Pax Christi Trustee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Steffen