

Community Council Minutes, December 10, 2013

Attending: Vicki Klima, Tom Keane, Sara Byerley, Al Miller, Mark Cox, Mark Huschke, Mary Frances Messer, Melissa Miller, Phil Trovato, Jonathan Lubbers, Bob Gibbs, Bob Hergenrother.

Not in attendance, Bruce Koehn, Fr. Bill Murtaugh

Meeting called to order at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

Vicki handed out a calendar of upcoming dates and events calling attention to dates in March as follows: Volunteer Appreciation on March 1, Ash Wednesday on March 5, Parish Lenten Retreat on March 15 and the Lenten Fish Dinner followed by a Penance Service on March 21.

The Volunteer Appreciation for 2013/14 will be held the Saturday evening prior to Ash Wednesday and will have a Mardi Gras theme. It was suggested that perhaps Stan Bann's musical group could provide music appropriate for that theme.

Phil Trovato explained the Lay Leadership Council's plans for some changes in the discernment schedule for new council members. A copy of the schedule for the 2014 discernment process was distributed to members. The schedule for the coming year is planned to work around Eden Prairie Schools' Spring Break, Holy Week and Easter. Phil reported that the Lay Leadership Council is already working on plans to make the discernment process a more inclusive process. Some elements would include activities to acquaint parishioners with various ministries and council activities throughout the year. The aim would be to develop leaders through a longer growth process. One suggestion was the possibility of "open council nights" where parishioners would be welcomed to attend council meetings. Phil said that the LL Council was planning to work toward changing the discernment calendar for 2015.

Council members were asked how their plans to accomplish the ME25 goals tied in with our strategic plan were progressing within their councils. Several Council members mentioned such ideas as: reinvigorating the Burgundy Bag ministry, developing a method of recognizing family milestones, possibly with video screens near doors 1 and 3 that could also include event announcements, thank you letters from the Finance Council, the pet visit ministry, EFT cards to put in the collection basket, etc.

Mary Frances and Vicki announced that by the January 21st Community Council meeting each Ministry Council should bring to the Community Council a detailed plan for accomplishing their ME25 goals including a timeline and a method to measure accomplishment.

Mary Frances asked for additional items that members could suggest for future meetings. Shari suggested that since the Archdiocese is postponing a capital campaign, the Council should discuss what difference that may make in Pax Christi financial plans. Al Miller said that

discussion was already under way in the Finance Council and that a reconstituted Financial Initiatives Team would be reporting back to the Community Council about that topic.

Bob H. suggested that the Community Council take a leadership role in looking at the Pax Christi outreach into the larger community as well as within our own membership. Jonathan noted that the Justice Council already has that goal as one of its main objectives. It was also suggested that we look at all of the various ministries and compile a list of ways Pax Christi already serves in the larger community and then discuss where we could offer even more outreach. Bob mentioned that this type of outreach into the community could be a main source of evangelization for Pax Christi.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Steffen