

Community Council Minutes December 16, 2014

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

Absent: Melissa Miller

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as written.

Cheryl Bann reviewed several of the key findings of the leadership survey conducted by the Lay Leadership council. The goal of the survey was to gain a better understanding of leadership needs within Pax Christi's councils, and to provide insight regarding how council's see their work. A total of 72 responses were received.

Action: Committee members are requested to review the survey summary and accompanying Power Point presentation. The topic will be added to the January Community Council agenda.

Mike Schneider provided an update from the Outreach Committee. The mission of the outreach committee was provided and discussion ensued regarding whether the communication efforts should apply just to the Justice council projects/activities and the scope of the audience that should be targeted (i.e., Pax Christi community, wider Catholic community, general public).

The discussion included comments supporting initiatives beyond that of the Justice Council and that the general public would benefit from the information regarding outreach efforts at Pax Christi, including some of the local newspapers that are published and distributed to residents of Eden Prairie.

Action: Mike requested that each committee report back on what they would like published and also would like feedback on what other media/communication vehicles should be considered to bring awareness to the outreach work that Pax Christi provides.

Brian Traxler provided an update on the calling program conducted in the fall that was targeted to new parishioners that had joined Pax Christi within the past 3 years. A total of 420 parishioner households were reached. In general, the response to the program was positive, with several respondents commenting on the quality of the liturgy, outreach programs, and the Faith Formation program. Responding parishioners also commented that they "felt at home" at Pax Christi.

Action: Brian and his team of callers will consider initiating the call program again at the beginning of Lent.

Vicki Klima reviewed the parish letter regarding the budget and reported that as of the December 16th meeting the response rate was above last year at the same time.

Action: In order to boost responses, the Stewardship committee is preparing an email to those who have not responded and will continue with the "We Are The Church" theme.

Other: The Community Council was made aware of an upcoming program by De La Salle Christian Brother James Zullo of Chicago. Brother Zullo will be addressing the topic of whether we as Catholic leaders are building parishes or merely maintaining them. The event will be held in the Hall of Martyrs on March 21, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Stich

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