



PAX CHRISTI
Catholic Community

Meeting Minutes

Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting

**COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

Council:	Community Council
Meeting Date:	12-18-18
Minutes Prepared By:	Shari Steffen

Attendees:	Sara Byerley	Jodi Ramirez
	Fred Baumer	Alyson Armstrong
	Bruce Koehn	Dave Wagner
	Jane Schmitz	Shari Steffen
	Peg Musegades	Fr. Mike Byron
	Dale Nelson	Bob Martinka
	Danielle Trovato	Dave Putrich (for Phil Trovato)

Absent:	Sandra Towey	

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

1. Peg led the opening prayer.
2. All members read the mission of Pax Christi.
3. Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

4. and 5. Conversation Circles and Next Steps

Jane summarized the response from the second Conversation Circle about Pax Christi's response to the abuse crisis and possible next steps. The summary will be printed in the January Pax Christi magazine. About 40 people attended. About one third of the attendees expressed concerns about the Pax Christi response, the rest advocated that we reach out to those affected by the issue whether they be direct victims or not. The question was raised as to

whether there was a council that could take on the issue. It was suggested that should be part of the larger conversation about council and staff structure.

6. Next steps in Strategic Planning

The subgroup of the at-large portion of the Community Council: Fred, Dale, and Shari, have taken on the task of collecting responses from staff and councils. They have interviewed staff members who are liaisons to the various ministry councils and the pastor and parish director with the same set of questions given to the councils for their response during their meetings this evening. Responses should go back to Fred this evening or as soon as possible for further work by the subgroup. Fr. Mike commented that from his vantage point stewardship is the area where change is needed.

7. Knights of Columbus

Fr. Mike reported that he had further conversation about the Knights of Columbus and/or a men's group with the parish member who requested a response about a KC chapter at Pax Christi. Nothing further has been done in that regard.

8. Lay Advisory Board

Fr. Mike also reported that the archdiocese was establishing a Lay Advisory Board. He asked for suggestion of persons he might appoint from Pax Christi to serve on the Lay Advisory Board from our deanery which includes Richfield, Bloomington and Eden Prairie parishes. Council members should forward their suggestions to Fr. Mike.

9. Pax Christi in the Community

Fr. Mike reported on his conversation with Conn McCartan about any ideas for a gathering to be held outside of Pax Christi to encourage members and neighbors alike to gather for fellowship. He and Conn are looking for a music group or groups that might appeal to various age levels. Members suggested possible food trucks, activities for children, games, and a few Pax Christi members who might provide music.

10. Letter to the Local Newspaper

Fr. Mike has written a letter for the EP News concerning the McDonald's event during which teens were harassed and threatened. He wished to have the approval of Community Council members to send it. The letter will be distributed by email. A prompt response is requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Shari Steffen.