

	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>  Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting	<b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL</b>
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<b>Council:</b>	<b>Community Council</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>12-17-2019</b>
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	<b>Andrea Ward</b>

<b>Attendees:</b>	Fred Baumer – Chair	Mike Kennedy
	Fr. Mike Byron	Andy Leet
	Jane Schmitz	Phyllis Olson
	Bruce Koehn	Dave Putrich
	Carolyn Zucker	Ricardo Ortiz-Nava
	Dale Nelson Mary Frances Messer Nicholle Check	Mike Schneider Julie Tyler

<b>Absent:</b>	Cindy Schuh	

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Fred Baumer.

**Opening Prayer:** Andy Leet led the opening prayer.

**Approve Last Month Minutes:** Minutes of the November 17, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Approved Revisions:** None

**1. Reading of Values:** Spiritual Growth (page 8 in the Leadership Guide).

**2. Review and Approval of the 2019-20 Pax Christi Investment Policy:** Mike Kennedy presented the revised plan. The Community Council approved the revision to the Investment Policy.

Stonebridge will be offering presentations to parishioners as a part of the Finance Council’s goal. They will also be offering a “pre-presentation” on charitable giving on February 11.

Pledge status: The parish is about 20 cards short as compared to last year at this time. This is positive movement as the last few years we have been trending lower.

**3. Lay Advisory Board Input:** Phyllis Olson led a discussion as a member of the Deanery Lay Advisory Board, looking to answer the following request: *List 3 ways that the Archdiocese could make communication more effective with Parishes.*

- Our discussion focused on the Archdiocese asking and then listening to parishes (the end users/customers) regarding their needs and desires for support and help from the Archdiocese and then collaboratively crafting a plan and a response that will help meet those needs.
- Desire for an annual comprehensive Communication Plan from the Archdiocese with key messages/themes that are important to parishes and the Archdiocese. This would allow parishes to understand and plan-fully disseminate the information as well as integrate it into the parish's yearly planning and parish calendar.

#### **Summary**

- Create a plan that will make communication happen more transparently and make it fully available to Parishes in a defined plan so that Parishes are able to act on information when it is given and the Archdiocese can respond when needed.

**4. Disciple Maker Index (DMI):** Jane Schmitz led the 30-minute discussion. The archdiocese has requested that this survey, which has been used in other dioceses and parishes, be made available to all Twin Cities Catholics as part of the data collected for the 2021 Synod. It would need to be completed between February 1 and March 1. A copy of the survey was sent to all CC members for their review in advance of the meeting.

DMI is a tool created by an outside organization and has been taken in about 26 Dioceses, the electronic survey takes 10 – 15 minutes to complete, with an average response rate of 15 – 20%. Paper forms are also available. This survey is open to all parishes without cost to them but is not required. Parishes that participate will receive a summary of responses from their parishioners. Summary data gathered by the parish is used anonymously with other information gathered across the U.S.

#### **CC Comments**

Pax Christi independently completed the ME-25 in 2016, with the return rate being remembered around 30%, with most responses coming from individuals ages 45+.

Pros of the DMI Survey:

- Much more data gathered than the ME-25
- Some data could be used by individual ministry councils to further their objectives
- No charge to Parish

Cons of the DMI Survey:

- Unclear objective from Archdiocese; how does this relate to the work being done for the listening sessions? It might be more appropriate after the synod is completed.
- How the parish participates in social justice or community outreach is not explicitly questioned in the survey. These two areas are prominent at Pax Christi.
- Gearing up for a survey like this with the size of our parish takes more than a month if we expect to get decent representation. More time upfront when a request like this is made would be helpful.

- While data like this could be useful in the future, it would not be used right away. We would need more time to plan how we use the results before asking parishioners to fill it out.
- The data would still be missing information from those who left the Church.

After deliberation, the Council voted that the parish not participate in the survey.

### **5. Upcoming Survey from Communications Council**

Nicolle Check, Chair of the Communication Council, announced the dates for the completion of the Communications Survey that will be going to all the Ministry Councils

Jan. 6: Survey sent to Chairs

Jan. 6-21: Completion of Survey by two members of each council

Jan. 21: Discussion of the Survey at the individual ministry council meetings if necessary.

January 24: Return of Survey to the Communications Council

**Next Meeting** – January 21, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Ward.