

**Pax Christi Catholic Community
Community Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 21st, 2012
Minutes**

Attendees: Eric Anderson, Sue Fier, Tom Keane, Vicki Klima, Bruce Koehn, Mary Frances Messer, Carrie Chevalier Mosher, Jim O’Laughlin, Steven Olinger, Jim Sankovitz, Shari Steffen, Joan Waterstreet, and Mark Weber

Absent: Fr. Kennedy, Mike Lindseth and Greg Halvorson

Visitors: Mark Cox and Jane Schmitz

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on January 17th, 2012 were approved.

Pastoral Care Ministry Feature

Joan Waterstreet, Pastoral Care Council Chairperson, presented an overview of the responsibilities of the Pastoral Care Ministry. Their mission is to serve as a model and resource to individuals and families and to respond to spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs. They do so by striving to empower the people of God to share in pastoral ministry. Pastoral Care ministries include the prayer ministry, funeral hospitality, blood drive, and PREPARE marriage ministry to name just a few. Over 600 volunteers support the pastoral care ministries.

The council is working to become more informed about our community at large particularly in regards to the needs caused by poverty. They are also planning a mini retreat to address the needs of the senior members of our parish as the percentage of members in this age group continues to grow.

Upcoming ministry features are as follows:

March: Finance

April: Facilities

May: Justice

New Member Discernment

Approximately 80 letters were mailed to individuals nominated for ministry council positions. Each ministry council received a list of the names of the individuals nominated for their council and have been instructed to make personal phone calls to all those nominated. The three community council at-large members will remain on the council next year.

Worship Calling Campaign

The Worship Council will soon be conducting the second phase of a calling project. A selected group of parishioners will receive personal phone calls regarding upcoming Lenten activities.

Faith Formation Focus Group,

The Faith Formation Council has hosted seven focus sessions for parents of Faith Formation students for the purpose of obtaining a better understanding of the needs of the parish. Additional sessions are planned for catechists and for senior high parents.

Transition Team

A transition team has been established to assist in the process of selecting a new pastor. The team includes Sue Fier, Vicki Klima, Bruce Koehn, Jane Schmitz, Fr. Bill Murtaugh and Shari Steffen. In late February, two members of the Archdiocese Personnel Board will visit Pax Christi to learn more about our community toward discernment of possible candidates. They will meet with Fr. Kennedy and later the same day meet with the transition team. They have sent the following questions ahead of time for us to answer. Each ministry council discussed the questions during their council meetings and shared thoughts during the Community Council meeting.

a. Name three things you are most proud of as a parish that have been accomplished in the last three years. Established the Crossroads Fund, smoothly transitioned to use of the new Roman Missal after the Lord Teach Us to Pray series during weekend masses, burgundy bag campaign, mission and vision statements, creation of the reservation chapel, and purchase of a parish rectory with no debt.

b. Name three things you attempted in the last three years as a parish that were not successful. Capital campaign, 100% participation in annual stewardship campaign, maintaining justice tithing percentage, and improved engagement from the parish youth.

c. Name the three most pressing challenges facing the parish in the next three years. Increasing youth and parental involvement, retaining Catholics amidst negative political pressures, possible staff changes following the pastor transition, and budget pressures.

Lenten Retreat

A Lenten Retreat is scheduled for March 24 from 8:30-11:30 for all members of leadership.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Fier, Secretary