

Community Council Meeting
February 19, 2013

Attendees: Mary Frances Messer, Tom Keane, Shari Steffen, Carrie Chevalier Mosher, Julie Warrick, Tony Anderson, Eric Anderson, Doug Mertz, Julie Borchart, Vicki Klima, Mike Lindseth, Diana Gast, Judy Ryan, Bruce Koehn

Absent: Fr. Murtaugh , Bob Gibbs

Guests: Michael Griffin

The January Community Council minutes were approved with exceptions that Julie Warrick was in attendance and Diana Gast's name to be spelled properly.

Michael Griffin asked that for our April 16th Leadership meeting that we meet together from 6:30-8:30 to allow Bishop Remy De Roo to speak to the entire leadership group. Bishop De Roo will be giving a series of talks at Pax Christi from April 13-17. In light of Pax Christi's mission and commitment to Vatican II principles, and Bishop De Roo's participation in all four sessions of VCII fifty years ago and shared commitment to keeping the principles alive, that the time together would be beyond beneficial. The council said that they would support the gathering and arrange ministry council meetings before the event as necessary.

ME25 Survey Update-Vicki Klima said that to date (first week and a half), only 732 parishioners have completed the ME25 survey, which represents 17% of the adult members. Our goal as suggested by Gallop is 50-60%. We need 2700 responses to reach the 50% mark. Suggestions included reminders by the presiders, mass announcements and greeters handing out instructions on how to take the survey at the end of masses this weekend. Vicki also reminded us that at our March 19th leadership meeting, we will meet at 6:30 for prayer and dinner. Dr Winseman will speak to the leadership group and any interested parishioners from 7:30-9:30 about the results of the survey. Dr. Winseman will also meet with a working group of about 20 people on March 20th to address suggested actions to take. The start time for the March 20th event is still to be determined, but will be scheduled during the morning hours through lunch.

Parish Visitation Update – Our Vicar visit by Fr. Bob Schwartz on February 14th went very well. The Council members attending the meeting along with Vicki reported that Fr. Schwartz and his staff came well prepared and focused on listening to the Pax Christi staff and selected Lay Leadership about what is going well and what concerns we have as a Catholic community today. Vicki commented that Fr. Schwartz requested copies of all the parishioner's and leadership's fulfilled questionnaires used to support her written report about the state of the parish. She also indicated that she believed he read the questionnaires because he had pointed questions about some of the content. All who attended believed he left energized about what he heard and the current condition of Pax Christi. His report to the Archbishop will be forthcoming.

Burgundy Bag Feedback & Fine Tuning- Feelings about the first week of collecting food for the food shelf was mixed. Participation by the community seemed light and the consensus was they expected more participation. However, some staff members commented that they had never seen so many bags overflowing the bins and covering the surrounding floor. We did run out of empty burgundy bags this

weekend, so we are expecting better response in future Lenten weeks. Julie Warrick and Eric Anderson explained that the intent is beyond the donation of food. We are promoting Lenten Almsgiving and giving a visual to the community and particularly our youth as to what our worship calls us to do. Julie asked the Community Council to be available at masses to direct flow if the giving increases and to help move the bags out of the worship space after mass is complete.

Fundraising Policy Discussion- The subcommittee reported that two comments have surfaced since our last discussion about the proposed new fundraising policy. The Stewardship committee has indicated full support of the new plan. The subcommittee has also been asked to build in more flexibility regarding the emergency collections at the request of the pastor. The subcommittee will introduce a final policy at the April meeting. The sub-committee has also been requested by staff to develop a Gift policy. More discussion will follow.

Pax Christi Marketplace- Eric Anderson suggested that in light of the increased requests for creative fundraising by parishioners, and in an effort to develop parish engagement, that we look at creating space for parishioners either on, or linked to the parish web-site. It could be a digital form of what is printed on the back of our bulletins. The purpose of the listing would not be to raise money, but rather make people aware of their fellow parishioner's businesses in the community. Vicki will get feedback from Melissa Nault for further discussion at later meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:36

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Koehn