

Pax Christi Community Council Minutes

February 17, 2015

Present: Fr. Bill Murtaugh, Cheryl Bann, Shari Steffen, Mark Cox, Steve Jacobs, Mike Karas, Jack Kegel, Pat Kelly, Melissa Miller, Mike Schneider, Mary Testin, Phil Trovato, Brian Traxler

Absent: Joe Stich, Bruce Koehn

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Mike Schneider will report on the duties of the outreach liaison from each ministry council at a later date.

There was discussion of the suggestion that Pax Christi should get involved with helping the local Somali community feel welcome and become assimilated as part of our "neighborhood." Mary Testin said she would bring it as an item for the next Justice Council agenda.

Brian Traxler reported on the next calling campaign being organized by the Worship Council for March 2, 3, 4, 9 and 11. The focus will be on upcoming Lenten activities and Holy Week and Easter schedules. He invited Community Council members to be part of the team doing the calling and also to help with collection of items from the Burgundy Bag campaign during Lent. He will bring the item about Christmas Mass schedules to the next Community Council meeting.

Phil Trovato reported that the Lay Leadership Council was urging that every ministry council should try to recruit new members with an eye to gaining members with strong leadership and organizational skills who would help the council set, follow and measure progress toward goals and organize for action. To that end he gave each council chair a copy of the members who indicated strengths in these areas in the Pax Christi stewardship data base.

The last half of the meeting was devoted to discussion with Phil Boelter of the budget situation and feedback from various councils after their discussions of the same topic. Points included disclosure of the assumptions leading to the model and amount of shortfall presented by CFC, further discussion of possible additional fundraising techniques, Pax Christi's financial position compared to that of similar parishes, timing of further communication, timing of decisions, any further consultation with leadership, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Steffen