

Community Council Minutes
February 21, 2017

Present: Mary Beth Buckman, Mike Kennedy, Bruce Koehn, Mary Lillicrap, John Mortier, Fr. Bill Murtaugh, John O'Connor, Joan Pare', Brad Schlieff, Jane Schmitz, Jeff Schuh, Shari Steffen, Joe Stich, Dave Wagner, Wayne Ward. Guest: Phil Trovato

1. Members read the mission and value statements together and discussed the second explanatory paragraph.
2. January minutes were approved.
3. Phil Trovato gave an update on the discernment process for this coming spring, based on feedback received last year. He asked council chairs to select one or two people to be trained at dinner during the March meeting, who would then be present at both discernment nights. This, the Lay Leadership Council will provide a three-prong approach: the above training for trainers from each council, more clear information at the discernment nights, and more information for new members as they join each council. An August orientation session for new members will be continued. Discernment nights are March 30 and April 4. Information sheets about each council will be emailed to council chairs who should update them with all of the ministries that feed into that council. Names of trainers should be forwarded to Phil and Mary Beth after February council meetings.
4. Joe gave an update on the Strategic Planning Team meetings. They have divided communication duties. They plan that it will take approximately a year to complete the new plan.
5. Jane gave an update on new Faith Formation staffing: Jessie and the new person will share duties related to students in grades 6-12. Renee will continue to coordinate pre-K through grade 5. They hope to hire the new 30-hour person by June 1.
6. Joan led a discussion about what the Pax Christi response should be concerning charity and justice for all who come to our shores. Fr. Bill urged that a group be given the task of helping the community discern what our role should be from a theological point of view with sensitivity to all Pax Christi community members. Joan Pare' and staff member Joan Howe-Pullis will work together with this group going forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Steffen