

	Meeting Minutes Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting	COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Council:	Community Council
Meeting Date:	2-18-2020
Minutes Prepared By:	Andrea Ward

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

Absent:	Cindy Schuh	

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:28pm by Fred Baumer.

Opening Prayer: Dave Putrich led the opening prayer.

Approve Last Month Minutes: Minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were approved.

Approved Revisions: None

1. Reading of Values: Leadership (page 8 in the Leadership Guide), completing the reading of the value statements.

2. Reflective Responses to the Synod Listening Session: Discussion about the 1/28 event was led by Fred Baumer.

Multiple parishes were represented and diverse perspectives were represented. Some people came and did not want to share any feedback.

Several themes emerged in small group sharing:

- The leadership of priests in parishes
- Decrease of youth involvement, especially after Confirmation
- Lay leadership – lots of engaged and active volunteers, but large group of people that aren't engaged
- Clericalism
- People leaving; how are we addressing this both in parishes and as an Archdiocese?

Themes from general session:

- Hijacking of microphone time?
- Challenging and disappointing in that feedback was not necessarily actionable
- Lack of broad knowledge about Vatican II throughout those speaking
- Almost void of social justice and Catholic Education, which was stronger in other sessions that people attended

3. Quarterly Finance Council Update: Mike Kennedy led the discussion.

Expenses under budget and giving is above budget. Pledges are up from years passed and Stonebridge review indicates we are on track with investment strategy.

4. Mid-Year Council Goal Exchange and Strategic Planning Update: Jane Schmitz led the group discussion.

What is one thing you are proud of in your Council area?

- Wine, Women, and Scripture Event (Lifelong Faith Formation)
- Financial education for the greater parish (Finance and Development)
- Calling to Leadership and bringing back Strengths Finder, Updating of SERVE (Lay Leadership Development and Engagement)
- Working together well in the scope and breadth of the work happening in updating the campus (Arts, Campus, and Gardens)
- Forming of the Communications and how they are able to meet the 3-step goal we have set for themselves (Communications)
- Youth involvement through Jacob Plourde who is very active and furthering focus on group participation within liturgical ministry (Worship)
- Trainings and groups raising social issues, specifically Social Action Teams for Advocacy (Justice)
- Made progress on redefining role of Hospitality and Community Outreach (Hospitality and Community Outreach)
Looked over data from the last several years – which is important as we begin the budgeting process for upcoming year.

Review of Trend Data on weekly participation, sacramental programs, and financial giving in preparation for budgeting.

We may need to look at adapting or updating Strategic Plan. When would we do this? Needs to be budgeted for if the process will start for next year. Comments:

- We are not meeting the indicators of success that were laid out in the strategic plan
- The growing diversity in Eden Prairie is not represented at Pax.
- Can councils or the parish learn from other churches in the area?

Next Meeting – March 17, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Ward.