Pax Christi Community Council Minutes January 20, 2015

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

Absent: Vicki Klima, Bruce Koehn

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Mike Schneider reported that the Outreach Committee is suggesting that each ministry council should select a liaison from their council to help with all council event and outreach publicity. Phil Trovato suggested he bring back the information for the selection of such a person from each council to the next CC meeting.

Each council chair reported about discussion from their councils concerning the question of whether to have a large group leadership meeting about the Pax Christi budget issue in February. Phil summarized the findings that approximately 75% of the councils suggested that an information session at dinner be followed by any questions from the group. Then the councils would adjourn to their own meetings and the chairs would bring the results of council discussions about budget back to the Community Council later in the evening. The Community Council left it up to Fr. Bill and Vicki as to whether the staff would be invited to that leadership evening. Fr. Bill said he would see if Phil Boelter from CFC could be available to be present that evening.

Fr. Bill asked the Community Council to consider how Pax Christi should go forward in the area of Stewardship. All ideas should be forwarded to the Pax Christi Office. He also said that he would try to get the most up-to-date financial information to the leadership just prior to the February meeting.

Phil Trovato and Cheri Bann reported about the Lay Leadership efforts to update the process for discernment onto ministry councils by using the talent data base to encourage the most well-matched persons for each open position. They also talked about instituting a more thorough orientation program for new council members.

New topics for discussion:

Mike Karas introduced the topic of Pax Christi possibly taking a role in helping the Muslim Community in Eden Prairie find acceptance and move toward assimilation.

Brian Traxler brought a suggestion from the Worship Council about making possible changes in the schedule of the Christmas Eve masses to relieve parking lot congestion.

Phil Trovato reported that a leadership member had asked him to bring the topic of the structure of Pax Christi leadership -- multiple members on multiple ministry councils -- to the Community Council for discussion.

These topics will be put on a future agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Steffen