

Community Council Meeting  
June 17, 2014

Attendees: Shari Steffen, Bob Gibbs, Tom Keane, Mark Cox, Al Miller, Sara Byerley, Fr. Murtaugh, Phil Trovato, Bob Hergenrother, Jonathan Luebbers, Vicki Klima, Mary Frances Messer, Mark Huschke, Bruce Koehn

Absent: Melissa Miller

Meeting called to order at 8:35

May minutes were approved as written

Update on New Council Members:

As of last week, the entire slate of Lay Leaders was filled (30 members). Since last week, one member from the Faith Formation Committee had resigned. The Lay Leadership council has a candidate in mind for replacement and is actively recruiting.

New Council Chairs for 2014-15:

Facilities: Mike Karas

Faith Formation: Melissa Miller

Finance: Steve Jacobs

Justice: Mary Testin

Lay Leadership: Phil Trovato

Pastoral Care: Pat Kelly

Stewardship: Mike Schneider

Worship: Brian Traxler

Stewardship Report:

Stewardship chair Bob Hergenrother reported that the Stewardship Council has been working on their ME25 Growing Engagement initiative. Efforts are focused on a redesign of the Gift Inventory that will be distributed this fall. They are simplifying the form in hopes of getting a better response. Follow up initiatives include a more active and targeted invitation to community members to share their gifts. Bob reported that the financial support cards used last fall will be reutilized. Finance chair Al Miller requested to meet with the Stewardship committee to give further input on the financial gift cards.

Update from ME25 Steering Committee:

Vicki Klima passed out a summary of interviews by ME 25 Steering Committee members of the Ministry Council chairs about progress made by their councils in the first half of 2014 in Growing Engagement Initiatives. The summary is part of these minutes.

2014 Justice Grant Recipient Approval:

Justice chair Jonathan Luebbers presented a summary of the 2014 Justice Grant Recipients which was fully vetted and approved by the Justice Grant Board and approved by the Justice Council. The recipient list groups fall under one of the two priority areas of Homelessness and Educating Children in Poverty, and the list is similar to last year's recipients and grants recommended. A summary spreadsheet provided by the Justice Council includes the proposed recipients, grant amounts, summary of community member engagement, and a history of giving to the recipients. Jonathan reported that Pax

Christi members shared 443 hours of their time and talent with last year's recipients, which is a key component in awarding grants. The slate of recipients and recommended grants was unanimously approved by the Community Council.

**Community Council Meeting Discussion:**

A discussion was had about the effectiveness and the timing of the existing Community Council meetings. It was determined that regular (monthly) meetings are still necessary, but that the meeting time be limited to required discussion and approvals only. It was encouraged that any background information to support a decision to be made by the Community Council be sent out before the meeting to minimize meeting time. The goal is to be respectful of everybody's time and to support the strong role of the Ministry Councils to both recommend and prepare a path for the Community Council to make effective decisions. It was also determined that it continues to be important to meet on the same night as the Ministry Councils.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bruce Koehn