

Pax Christi Community Council  
Minutes  
June 21, 2016 Meeting

Present: Mary Beth Buckman, Mark Cox, Mike Karas, Pat Kelly, Mike Kennedy, Marcia Kladek, Bruce Koehn, Joan Pare, Peter Rasmussen, Brad Schleif, Mike Schneider, Shari Steffen, Joe Stich, Wayne Ward, Jane Schmitz

Absent: Fr. Bill Murtaugh,

**1. Minutes.** Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**2. Property Encroachment Update.** Jane reported that one remaining document needs to be completed concerning the encroachment before an easement agreement can be presented to the neighbors. The surveyors will be out this week to provide a legal description for the accompanying exhibit. Then Fr. Bill and Bruce Koehn will present the agreement to the neighbors.

**3. Archdiocese Bankruptcy Update.** Jane gave a thorough explanation of the discussion parish lawyer, Mark Rabogliatti, brought about regarding the motion for Substantive Consolidation. He also is preparing to advise us at Pax Christi as to our possible response to the judge's ruling on the idea that parish assets be accessible to the settlement of the bankruptcy. Jane also presented her own research and notes from an article in the National Catholic Reporter about the issue. Due to the complexity of the issue, those notes and discussion are enclosed as part of these minutes.

As part of the bankruptcy discussion Shari brought up the issue of the Archdiocese concern with the installation of solar collectors at Pax Christi. She reported that Tom Mertens, CFO of the Archdiocese, met with the trustees, chair of the Finance Council, Fr. Bill and Jane to gather information about our requested proxy for the solar investment. He had questions about the length of the agreement and various other issues. After answering his questions, Fr. Bill asked him what would happen next concerning our proxy request. Tom said his report would go the Archdiocesan Finance Council and then to the College of Consultors for their approval. It appears that due to the time it will take for all of that process to take place, if it is approved by the Archdiocese, no work on the project will begin until next spring.

Wayne suggested that the council consider the pastoral question of whether we should be doing something more for the victims of clergy abuse. He suggested a possible extra collection for them. Shari suggested possible meetings or support groups for survivors.

**4. Justice Grant Proposal Update.** Pete Rasmussen presented four possible scenarios as to how the new wording for the Justice Grants that would gradually raise the percentage toward the parish goal of 10%. The calculation for the next Justice Grant allocation would be done in late July. The Community Council would vote on it in

August and the grant would be available for award the following May. The scenarios depicted various amounts of revenue showing what the effect on the grant amount would be. Council members thanked Pete for helping clarify the calculations being proposed. The Council approved the grants with the proviso that it go in the gifting policy so that those giving larger or extraordinary gifts would be aware of how the new policy would affect their gift.

**5. Staffing Update.** Jane reported that Al Haider resigned for health reasons and that we are still looking for a replacement for that position. Joan Howe-Pullis has been hired to do the funeral planning job and also as liturgical assistant especially in the area of recruitment and oversight of liturgical ministers. Renee Reardon has been hired for a half time position as Pastoral Care Coordinator including the care centers Pax Christi serves. Fr. Mark Paveglio has been appointed as the new associate pastor at Pax Christi for a 3/4 time position. He will be at Pax Christi Saturday through Wednesday. Thursday will be his day off and then he will work at the seminary on Fridays. Marlene Early has been hired to work in the nursery as needed. Michelle Frederick's position with Junior High in the Faith Formation ministry has been increased from 15 to 20 hours a week. Andrea Ward, support staff for Faith Formation, will have her hours increased to 30 hours per week.

**6. Rectory Sale Update.** Jane reported that additional painting and landscaping has been done at the rectory. Reports from those viewing the property are that the price seems about right at this point in the sale.

**7. Lay Leadership Development Report.** Mary Beth Buckman gave council chairs information to pass on to the new council chairs in each ministry area. It included the suggestion that there be a special new council member orientation and get-acquainted meeting. She asked that each council review and update their conch overview prior to it being published in the directory and also for the benefit of the new council members and she suggested that three months of council minutes be provided to new members. She reported that an orientation/leadership retreat is being planned by the Lay Leadership Development Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Steffen