

Pax Christi Community Council meeting minutes, March 18, 2014, 8:30 pm.

Present: Melissa Miller, Sara Byerley, Al Miller, Vicki Klima, Mary Frances Messer, Bob Gibbs, Mark Cox, Bob Hergenrother, Phil Trovato, Mark Huschke, Bruce Koehn, Jonathan Luebbers, Shari Steffen

Absent: Fr. Bill, Tom Keane

1. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.
2. Sara Byerley gave details about the new visiting pet ministry called Pax's Pets inaugurated by the Pastoral Care Council. At this time one team of owner and pet will begin the project while other teams are trained to join the ministry. Community Council members affirmed the new ministry. The ministry is still looking for a person to coordinate and schedule the visits.
3. Mary Frances asked if there had been any new recruits of liturgical ministers from the councils. Several new eucharistic ministers and greeters have joined this ministry. There is still a need for altar servers. Members were reminded that adults are welcome to be altar servers.
4. The Mardi Gras volunteer appreciation party was reviewed. Approximately 500 were served dinner that evening. Bingo was apparently a big hit. Some members thought a parish-wide event of this nature would be welcome. It was pointed out that next year because of other schedules a Mardi Gras celebration on the weekend before Ash Wednesday would not work. Other comments included the fact that there were lots of volunteers until the final clean-up time.
5. Vicki reported that letters had been sent to potential new council members for next year. Discernment meetings will be held March 25 and 27. A total of 25 new members are needed to round out the council memberships for next year. Council chairs are encouraged to send updates from their calling of new council members to Vicki prior to the discernment meetings.
6. A question about setting dates prompted Vicki to note that all events should be scheduled at Pax Christi by consulting the master calendar which staff members can access online.
7. Mary Frances said that Shari Steffen volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to look into the project brought to Community Council by Bob Hergenrother of discerning about Pax Christi's outreach into the community. Shari described the tasks of the committee as 1) Studying the data Vicki gave the council last month as to the current outreach efforts from Pax Christi, 2) Determining how this data should be shared with Pax Christi members and with the greater community, and 3) Making recommendations concerning further outreach efforts if it is determined others should be added. The goal of the committee would be to meet several times over the next couple of months and report back to the Community Council at the June

meeting. Mark Huschke, Bob Hergenrother and Jonathan Luebbers volunteered to be on the committee.

8. Vicki addressed the question of increasing evangelization from Pax Christi as another possible project to be undertaken by Community Council. She brought descriptions from the Vitality Matrix that Pax Christi members took part in prior to the visit from Fr. Bob Swartz over a year ago as an example of evangelization levels to which we might aspire. There will be further discussion next meeting on this topic.

9. As a result of Fr. Bill's message to the leadership that our budget requests were expected to exceed our income in the next year, the Finance Council has determined they will be working with staff on the budgeting process as it proceeds in the next month or two. Al Miller, Finance Council Chair, asked for time on the next Community Council agenda to discuss their work.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.
Shari Steffen