

Pax Christi Community Council
Minutes
March 15, 2016 Meeting

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

Absent: Bruce Koehn

- 1. Minutes.** The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
- 2. Rectory Sale.** Jane Schmitz gave an update that the proxy for sale of the Pax Christi rectory was approved. In part, it reads: Resolved, that The Church of Pax Christi of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, is hereby authorized to sell its rectory, located at 18653 Ponderosa Court in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, for a price of not less than \$570,000, with the proceeds of the sale being dedicated solely for the purchase of a new rectory and for no other purpose unless a new proxy provides otherwise." The rectory is on the market and there have been several showings already.
- 3. Community Council Meeting Times.** After discussion it was determined that beginning with the April 19, 2016 meeting, Community Council meetings would be held beginning at 5:30pm on Leadership nights.
- 4. Justice Grants.** Following discussion at the last meeting related to increasing justice grants toward a 10% goal as finances allow, there appeared to be confusion as to what the council action actually meant. Following discussion about two main issues: 1) what year's contributions would be used as the basis, (prior year or current year), and 2) how "special gifts" would be defined and how they would be handled in relation to this issue. It was agreed that Shari and others would work on clarifying wording and send it to members for consideration prior to the next Council meeting.
- 5. 35th Anniversary Grant.** Council members affirmed that the decision reached at the last meeting to specify \$35,000 from current funds to be given as a commemoration of the Pax Christi 35th Anniversary. Justice Council members will designate suggested recipients of that money prior to the next meeting. The legacy gift will be announced at the 35th Anniversary celebration.
- 6. 35th Anniversary Celebration.** The Pax Christi 35th birthday will be celebrated on Pentecost, the weekend of May 14/15, along with volunteer appreciation. The main party will follow the 11am Mass with installation of a Peace Pole and a light meal.
- 7, Parish Survey Update.** Mary Beth reported that with three days to go there were approximately 760 returns of the ME25 parish survey. The Lay Leadership Development Council and the ME25 Committee will meet together on April 13 at

6:00pm to go over the returns and then hold a conference call with the Gallup organization on April 20th at 7:00pm. Leadership is invited to attend.

8. Discernment Process. Mary Beth reported that there were 52 individuals discerning about joining Pax Christi leadership in the coming year, more than enough to fill all of the expected vacancies. Lay Leadership Development council members will do all of the calling of candidates prior to discernment night information sessions which will be held Thursday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 12. Jane collected forms indicating which current council members would attend those sessions to provide information about the various councils.

9. Worship Council Spring Calling. Mike Kennedy announced that the spring calling would target families of those being confirmed this spring and would highlight two upcoming activities: Earth Day on April 23 and the 35th Anniversary on May 14/15. Community Council members are encouraged to help with the calling sessions to be held April 4-6 and April 11-13.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Steffen