

## Community Council Minutes May 20, 2014

Present: Vicki Klima, Melissa Miller, Mark Cox, Al Miller, Bob Hergenrother, Tom Keane, Mary Frances Messer, Phil Trovato, Jonathan Luebbers, Shari Steffen

Absent: Bruce Koehn, Sara Byerley, Mark Huschke, Fr. Murtaugh

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Vicki reported that after the last discernment night for new council members we gained three, and still have two open spots, one in facilities and one in worship.

Al presented the Finance Council report including the budget approved by the Finance Council. It was noted that in addition to a healthy collection from Easter, there were a few larger donations at that time which means we will end the fiscal year on a positive note. Al reported that Fr. Murtaugh wants a balanced budget which the one brought to the Finance Council is. Any surplus and the one-time gifts will go into a reserve for operating expenses. The goal is to achieve a three month reserve. The

consensus of the community council was to ratify the budget approved by the Finance Council.

Vicki reported that the ME 25 committee members have been assigned to contact various councils about implementation. They will compile progress made by all councils for the June meeting. The goal is to continue and enhance engagement of parishioners.

Shari reported the findings and recommendations of the ad hoc committee on outreach.

Recommendations include: as new opportunities arise, an effort to balance efforts in the justice continuum: compassion, development and structural change, use the time and talent base to more fully engage parishioners, develop new methods of communicating current and new outreach programs, develop a new task force, "Pax in Action," for tracking outreach publicizing current and future efforts, recognize that additional staff time may be needed to implement these recommendations and continue the effort to bring Justice Grants back to the 10% mark. The Community Council adopted the recommendations and appointed Shari to organize the task force. Vicki noted that the new committee might have some overlap with the communication committee that meets with Melissa Nault. Shari will

confer with Melissa to coordinate efforts.

Vicki handed out a description of evangelization and a challenge for the parish including focus questions concerning evangelization. The Community Council will discuss use of these materials at the June meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Steffen