

Pax Christi Community Council Minutes 5/16/17

Present: Mary Beth Buckman, Bruce Koehn, Mary Lillicrap, Fr. Bill Murtaugh, John O'Connor, Joan Pare, Brad Schleif, Jane Schmitz, Shari Steffen, Sandy Towey, Wayne Ward.

Absent: Mike Kennedy, Joe Stitch, Dave Wagner

1. Discussion of Pax Christi Mission and Values.
2. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
3. Strategic Planning Update: Jane said that the planning team is still in the process of collecting information from the ministry areas. Faith Formation and Worship presented most recently.
4. Jane presented a power point presentation on the budget for next year. She noted a small reduction from last fiscal year in expected revenue over anticipated expenses. She and Fr. Bill also said there had been a request from Pax Christi to the archdiocese to have our assessment reduced from 9% to 8% to acknowledge our contribution to the Latino Ministry. There has been no response to the request yet. The Community Council approved the budget.
5. Joan Pare gave an update on the progress of the task force helping guide Pax Christi's efforts around the issue of welcoming the stranger. They named the group "On The Road To Jericho." The guide they produced includes a section on the basis for work in this area: scripture, papal writings, etc., a section enumerating interviews with other faith communities about their work in the area, and a section listing a continuum of possibilities and responsibilities to be considered at Pax Christi. The Community Council approved the initial phase of the task force work, which is focused on offering education and formation to the parish on immigration concerns. After this phase, next steps will be determined.
6. Mary Lillicrap said that the Pastoral Care Council is proposing a name change to make the work of that council more apparent in writings and on the website. They are proposing "Care and Support Ministries" or "Care and Support Council." Some Community Council members expressed a preference for keeping the word Council in the name. Other comments included the possibility of including "spiritual" in the name. Mary said she would take the ideas back to the council for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Steffen

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