

## Pax Christi Community Council Minutes

September 20, 2016

Present: Mary Beth Buckman, Mike Kennedy, Mary Lillicrap, John Mortier, John O'Connor, Joan Pare, Brad Schleif, Joe Stich, Dave Wagner, Wayne Ward, Jeff Schuh, Fr. Marc Paveglio, Jane Schmitz, Bruce Koehn

Absent: Fr. Bill Murtaugh, Shari Steffen

Meeting called to order by Chair Joe Stich at 5:32.

1. August Minutes were approved as written
2. Community Council Retreat – Jane Schmitz reported that after consulting with Fr. Bill, the following goals were developed for the Community Council Retreat: 1) Team Formation, 2) Discuss the role of Community Council Members, 3) Discuss the why's of starting a new strategic planning effort at this time, and 4) Assemble a Strategic Planning Process and discuss the role of the Community Council and use of a planning team. The council discussed the goals and accepted them as presented. Jerry Roth, parishioner and former Parish Director, will help facilitate the retreat and would be a candidate to facilitate the strategic planning process, if we so choose. The retreat would be scheduled on a Saturday morning in the near future.
3. Justice Grant Funding Update- Jane Schmitz suggested an optional proposal for the funding of Justice Tithe in the future instead of the one proposed in June 2016. The proposal includes: Maintaining a foundational amount from the operational budget. The 2016-17 budget currently has \$125,000 set aside. Additional funding could be added from the following sources: 1) Excess cash from prior fiscal year-end results that could be carried over as recommended by the Finance Council, 2) funding generated from Justice Grants Fundraising event(s), and 3) Creating an Endowment/Planned Giving Fund where the income earned from the fund could be utilized. The seed money for this fund would be excess funds from the sale of the rectory vs. the expected cost of a new rectory. In addition, the endowment could be funded by memorials as an option to our parishioners and surviving families. The goal of the proposal would be to increase the Justice Tithe funding while relieving pressure on the annual operational budget, engage parishioners more in Justice Grant Recipients supported by Pax Christi and enable the parish to close its books annually. The Community Council would determine each August the amount to be added to the approved budget amount -determining the Justice Tithe commitment for the year after recommendation by the Finance Council. The proposal was accepted by the Community Council unanimously.
4. Archdiocese Funding Request- Jane Schmitz announced that all parishes in our Deanery have been requested by the Archdiocese to help fund the Hispanic Ministry provided by Church of the Assumption in Richfield. Fr. Bill has agreed to fund at the requested 1% of regular collections. This would be added to the current budgeted amount \$125,000 intended for Justice Grants and other Justice funding and would be funded out of regular operations.
5. Parish Council Faith Interest Connections- Brad Schleif asked the Community Council members to recruit a member from their Ministry and Community Council who would be willing to share with our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders why they are passionate about their ministry area. The Faith Interest Connection concept has been wildly accepted by our high schoolers and would like to now offer it to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well. The commitment would be to meet with Peter and/or

Michelle, our Senior and Junior High Faith Formation Coordinators, to help create the material and then present three times in one week.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Koehn