



Meeting Minutes

Pax Christi Monthly Council Meeting

COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

Meeting Date:	August 18, 2020
Minutes Prepared By:	Andrea Ward
Attendees:	Fred Baumer, Fr. Mike Byron, Cecilia Cervantes, Nicholle Check, Mark Chronister, Patricia Hughes Baumer, Bruce Koehn, Andy Leet, Pat Nault, Dale Nelson, Jacob Plourde Dave Putrich, Cindy Schuh, Jane Schmitz, Mike Schneider
Absent:	Mary Frances Messer, Carolyn Zucker

Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Mike, Nicholle Check, Andy Leet, and Cindy Schuh

Call to Order: At 5:30pm by Fred Baumer

Approve Last Month Minutes: Moved to accept by Dale Nelson, seconded by Andy Leet and Cecilia Cervantes

Approved Revisions: None

Topic Description

- 1. Community Council Chair Discernment/Nomination/Acceptance:** Fred Baumer, outgoing chair, opened the floor to nominations. After some discussion, Andy Leet nominated Dale Nelson as the new Chair of the Community Council. Cecilia Cervantes seconded the nomination. Dale accepted the nomination and is the new Chair. A heartfelt thanks was offered to Fred for his hard work as Chair over the last year, and then he left the meeting, and Dale took over leading the meeting.
- 2. Guidance for Ministry Council Chairs:** Jane Schmitz led the discussion.
 - Jane posed the suggestion that the Councils use a common prayer at the beginning of their meetings, as we are not currently able to have a prayer time together on-site. She offered to send out prayers monthly from Bill Huebsch's book *People of God in Prayer*, which offers many different prayers based on the documents of the Second Vatican Council. This was unanimously accepted by the Community Council. Beginning next month, the chairs will receive the prayer to be used at the beginning of their ministry council meetings.
 - There are four Chromebooks available to be checked out for 24 hour periods from Ken Reineccius. These Chromebooks are available to any of the Parish Leaders who may need them to attend Zoom meetings. **Chairs are asked to please share this with their Councils.**
 - Council Chairs were asked to take a screenshot of their councils while attending a meeting, preferably in August or September if the whole council is able to attend. These screenshots will replace the pictures usually taken during the first council meeting of the year. **Chairs should send the picture to Melissa Nault at mnault@paxchristi.com.**
 - Due to not being able to meet on campus, there is flexibility to when Councils decide to meet. Please feel free to set the meeting times for when it works best for your Council, though please try to meet within a week of the Community Council meetings which will continue to meet the third Tuesday of the month. If scheduling on the same night as the Community Council meeting, allow enough time between the end of the Community Council meeting and the beginning of the ministry council meeting.

- e. The Parish Trustees (Bruce Koehn, whose position for renewed for another 2-year term, and Carolyn Zucker, who is entering her second year), At-Large Members of the Community Council (Dale Nelson, Mary Frances Messer, and Patricia Hughes Baumer), Fr. Mike, and Jane Schmitz will continue to attend Council meetings. They are asked to reach out to the Council Chair of the Council you plan to join the meeting of and ask them to include you in the meeting invite.
- f. A Leadership Toolbox has been created and is available on the Pax Christi website at www.paxchristi.com/toolbox. This content requires users to log in using the password: **founded1981**. The video referenced in the previous minutes is here along with additional resources available as PDFs. Under these documents, there are pictures of the Councils along with links to each council's Google Drive for the Councils to use along with a suggested template for meeting minutes. These drives are protected so that only individuals on the Council can access the drives. Using the Google Drive is not required of the Councils, though is recommended.
- g. Each Council is asked to set a goal for the year that is tied to the Strategic Plan, and additionally this year to attach the language of calling that was discussed last year as a part of the Communities of Calling Initiative. Jane provided some documentation that recaps what was discussed last year for any new Council members and the following question was added to those presented during the July meeting. Goal- setting is usually discussed during the September and October Council meetings, and then presented to the Community Council later. This will be discussed more at the September meeting.
 - i. **New question to consider:** How does your goal acknowledge and/or provide an activity in which parishioners can foster their sense of being called by God in discipleship and vocation?

3. Diocesan Lay Advisory Board Representative's Relation to the Community Council: Jane Schmitz led the discussion.

Two years ago, the Archdiocese asked that each parish appoint a lay leader who is then assigned to the Diocesan Lay Advisory Board as a part of the Synod process. Phyllis Olson filled that role for Pax Christi. Now that she has transitioned off the Community Council, will that affect her role on the Lay Advisory Board? The Community Council unanimously agreed that Phyllis should continue in that role and report to them as appropriate.

4. Pax Christi's Upcoming 40th Anniversary (June 21, 2021): Jane led the discussion.

The first question was whether there should be a special celebration for the 40th Anniversary, especially with the concern that COVID-19 poses and not knowing where the pandemic will be next June.

In the past, milestone anniversaries have been celebrated with special hospitality and additional monetary gifts to community aid organizations.

The Council recommended moving forward with planning, with the understanding that the actual date of the celebration may need to move depending on the situation with COVID-19. A small amount was budgeted towards a celebration. In terms of timing, it fits well with the planned rebranding and we still have many founding members with us to celebrate. For now, the idea of some type of celebration will be taken back to the councils to see what input they can offer. Someone suggested having an "ideal" celebration plan, where we would have no restrictions in terms of health, and an edited version that would likely include some online elements. The possibility of an ad hoc committee from the Community Council for this planning process was suggested. and that the Communications and Hospitality and Community Outreach Councils work together to create a unifying document for planning ideas.

5. Reopening Status Update: Fr. Mike responded to some last minute questions.

In terms of reopening, it continues to be a gradual process. Fr. Mike, Jane, Donna, and Joan are going to be meeting soon to discuss what next steps would be needing. Things will be remaining as they are for the time being, while a long term plan is discussed.

Sacraments will be starting this weekend, with Confirmations and then First Eucharist being celebrated during the Saturday night streamed Mass.

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn by Andy Leet, seconded by Dave Putrich, time: 6:35pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30pm