Community Council Minutes, 11/15/16

Present: Fr. Marc Paveglio, Mike Kennedy, John Mortier, Fr. Bill Murtaugh, John O'Connor, Jeff Schuh, Dave Wagner, Mary Beth Buckman, Shari Steffen, Brad Schleif, Joan Pare, Mary Lillicrap, Jane Schmitz, Wayne Ward

Absent: Joe Stich, Bruce Koehn

- 1. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written.
- 2. Council Members were urged to attend the International Potluck on Saturday, Nov. 19 after the 5:00 pm Mass, part of the celebration closing the Year of Mercy.
- 3. Jane distributed information about the possibility of Pax Christi becoming a host for a site for St. Mary's Health Clinic available free to those in the southwestern suburbs. The clinic would operate on Tuesdays in the afternoon and early evening. Our parishioners would be welcome to help staff the clinic along with the St. Mary's staff. Community Council members were enthusiastic about the opportunity. More information will be forthcoming.
- 3. Strategic Planning. Jane announced that seven persons were currently on the list to make up the strategic planning team: Joe Stich, Dave Wagner, Mary Beth Buckman, Joan Pare, Bruce Koehn, Jane Schmitz, and Carolyn Zucker. Jane also relayed Jerry Roth's comments noting that it appeared that there were no team members under age 50 and that all but one of the Planning Team members was a current CC member. Since the results of the team's work would be presented to the Community Council for adoption, Jerry was concerned, as were several council members, that there would not be sufficient objectivity brought to the council's consideration of the team's work. Council members agreed to look for potential team members that would bring greater diversity if age and ethnic background to the team. The council also agreed that in order to accommodate the right mix, the team might need to be increased to more than seven, but not more than 10. Several prospective team members on the original list agreed that they would give up their spots in order to create a more diverse team. They suggested that attendees at the International Potluck and the Young Adults Group be notified of the opportunity.
- 4. Jane let the council know that Fr. Tim's townhouse was under consideration as a rectory for Pax Christi. Fr. Bill noted that it was a simpler house than the former rectory and could be used for development dinners, meeting space, as well as room for one or two priests.
- 5. Mary Beth announced that 88 from Pax Christi participated in the recent Habitat for Humanity house, including over a third of the workers who volunteered for more than one day. She also announced that Pax Christi members built 91 dressers recently at Bridging.
- 6. Jane and Fr. Bill reported that negotiations are not complete on the issue of a neighbor encroaching on Pax Christi land.
- 7. Jane also said that lawyers for Pax Christi and lawyers for the energy company have not reached agreement on the issue of solar collectors on the Pax Christi roof.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Steffen