

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes
January, 16, 2007

Present: Father Joe, Miguel Paz, Nancy Gaudet, Teresa Silker

Absent: Father Caesar, Tom Mulvey, Pete Streit, Mark Slattery

Opening Prayer led by Teresa Silker

Minutes approved with changes suggested by Pete Streit via e-mail

Interfaith Partnership

Tom Mulvey's report was read. Tom shared with the Tent of Abraham Project that Pax wanted to join in a multi-faith approach to a community service project. Pax would like for the project to have a definable duration, allow the participants to work together and celebrate accomplishments together in communal prayer and bread-breaking. Also, the project should be noticed publicly, not as individuals, but as a union of faiths to serve the community. Suggestions for a project were shared by attendees at the meeting. This group will be meeting bi-monthly.

Father Joe expressed concern that the Jewish community was not represented.

Margie will continue to attend meetings. She should ask two people to join her.

Faith Formation Charge

Miguel Paz updated the council on progress made thus far on the phone calls made to parents of those young people not currently attending GIFT or enrolled in Catholic school. Miguel and Bev had completed their calls, but Miguel was waiting to hear from the other volunteers. So far, most families had expressed that they prefer a weekly faith formation program. About half are interested in a summer program.

The callers do not want to meet as a committee. Miguel will have a final report next meeting.

Recycling

Mark was not present to share his report. However, paper plates were used at the last GIFT because there were not enough volunteers.

Pax Apparel

Concerns were brought forth in regard to the Pax Apparel ordered last fall. If more is to be ordered in the future, efforts should be made to ensure that the clothing is fair trade. Father Joe said that more apparel will be ordered and has already been arranged through a business in Lansing, Iowa, but it was a valid concern and something that they could look at in the future.

A reminder was made about the confirmation dinner and meeting with the youth to discuss ways for young people to be involved this coming Sunday, January, 21.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 7:00, at the round table.

Thank you notes will be sent to the callers for the faith formation charge. Also, to John Kosse for assisting with the banners behind the altar these past years.

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Closing prayer led by Teresa Silker

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Gaudet