

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fr. Keefe, Fr. Caesar
First Officer: Miguel Paz,
Members present: Greg Sherman
Parish Trustees: Pete Streit, Teresa Silker
Guests:

OPENING PRAYER

The Gospel for Sunday was read by Miguel Paz and members reflected on what they saw and heard.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Neighborhood Committee

Miguel Paz updated the Council on the current work being done by the Neighborhood Committee. The Committee has met 3 times now since January. They have set the boundaries for what should be considered as the Pax neighborhood. The committee is looking at several events that will bring the neighborhood together. Pastoral Council approved that the committee should tie this initial event to the National Night Out held in August. Also they want the committee to work with the different Ministries at Pax, so that certain events could be opened to the neighborhood. They would also like Pax to continue the summer Bible Story Time sessions that were open to the people of Pax and the surrounding neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PAX CHRISTI PASTORAL COUNCIL: STRATEGIC PLANNING 2009.

- a. The Pastoral Council continues to move forward on refining and generating a strategic plan for the next 5 to 7 years. Currently the Council is working on a set of “benchmarks” that can be used as a starting point for our 3 initiatives.
- b. The Council reviewed the results of the March roll-out to the entire Parish. Most feedback was positive, though some thought it was too “business-like”. Another suggestion was that we need to focus more on “Social Justice and Social Justice Teachings”. This kicked off a discussion on how we can better focus on social justice teachings and incorporate them into our different Ministries. There was also some discussion about adding social justice issues/teachings to next year's GIFT.

- c. The Pastoral Council then discussed the next steps for our Strategy Plan. The next steps will be to begin feedback sessions with the Ministry groups to find out how they can incorporate our “initiatives” into their ministries. We also need to make sure we keep our focus on the Parish Vision and Mission as we work with the different ministry groups on this plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Pastoral Council briefly discussed the upcoming vacancies on the council. It was decided that the first thing we will try to do to fill the 2 positions is to work with the list of nominees that was generated last spring. Phone calls will be made to see if any of these people are still interested in serving on the Pastoral Council.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009.

THANK YOU NOTES

1. Cathy Walden for coordinating RCIA.
2. John Tanaka and the Knights of Columbus for all their volunteer efforts (Spaghetti Dinner, GIFT, St. Pat’s Bash, etc).
3. Joyce Lehman for the children’s Stations of the Cross.

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing thoughts were presented by Miguel Paz.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel Paz
First Officer.