

**Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

**Members Present:** Fr. Joe Keefe, Fr. Caesar Dralega, Tom Mulvey, Miguel Paz, Nancy Gaudet, Pete Streit, Mark Slattery and Teresa Silker

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Joe Kelley and Angie Slattery

**Opening Prayer**

Gospel read by Pete Streit.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The previous minutes were discussed and revisions made. A question about ministries was reviewed and a final decision was made. The minutes are to be sent out as soon as possible for revisions and so that they can be posted for the parishioners to view.

**Faith Formation Update**

Joe Kelley gave a report on GIFT. 370 households attended. 282 of the households attending had children. Attendance was higher at the beginning and decreased each month from September to April. Some of the families had not previously registered before attending. The families were encouraged to attend at least 6 out the 8 sessions. Evaluations were taken except for 2 months and seemed to be positive. Different sessions appealed to different age groups. Joe's general assessment is that the program is overall wonderful, but it is a lot of work for the team especially meals. Other options for meals will be reviewed. The GIFT team will meet for a retreat June 7 and 8 at Villa Maria to work on the upcoming year.

**Youth Ministry**

Angie Slattery reported on the Youth Ministry. There has been an increase each year in participation in activities. Angie tries to coordinate the activities around the GIFT themes. The youth will be attending work camp this summer and have participated in many other activities throughout the year such as the Angel Tree Project, the Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day fundraisers and many retreats.

A new person will be hired soon to work with the faith formation team.

**Interfaith Partnership**

Tom Mulvey reported on the status of the Interfaith Partnership. A potluck meal was planned at Pax on May 24 for the leaders from the other faith to meet together. The name of the group is now Open Hearts Helping Hands. May 29 will be their next meeting.

**Ministries**

The council discussed ways to meet with the different ministries at Pax. The parish does not seem to know the direction of the council since it has taken a different approach. The

future of the council and a plan for communicating with the parish will be the focus of the next meeting in June.

### **Bishop's Letter**

The bishop will visit in the fall. He sent a questionnaire to be filled in and returned about the transitioning to a new bishop.

### **Minutes**

Teresa Silker recommended that someone outside the council take the minutes for the meetings so that all members can participate equally. The discussion revolved around who would be able to take the minutes for the council.

### **Grotto**

Fr. Caesar has been working with a group of parishioners on building a grotto at Pax. Plans will be drawn up and a location determined. This may be a yearlong project starting in the fall. The grotto will help educate the youth and the entire parish as to the role Mary has in our lives.

### **Meeting**

Monday, June 4 at 6:00 the council will meet to discuss the issues presented at the meeting about the role of the council. Nancy and Mark will coordinate the food.

### **Thank You Notes**

Tom Mulvey will send thank you notes to Doug and Amy Crowley.

### **Closing Prayer**

Pete Streit led the closing prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Silker.