

**Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Round Table**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pastor: Fr. Joe Keefe, Parochial Vicar: Fr. Caesar Dralega, First Officer: Miguel Paz, Council Members: Pat Fallon, Randy Horlocker, Gene Plutowski, Greg Sherman and Mary Ellen Tanaka, Parish Trustees: Teresa Silker, Pete Streit, Recording Secretary: Judy Wagner.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The Sunday Gospel according to Matthew was read by Greg Sherman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The previous meeting minutes were read via e-mail, approved and sent for distribution.

**OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT(S)**

**1. Discussion: Open up Summer Church Camp to Pax Christi neighborhood.**

Because of time constraints, space limitations and other issues the Pastoral Council decided that it would not be reasonable to open up SCC to the surrounding neighborhood. Approximately 100 Pax parishioners currently signed up for SCC. This large number created staffing and space problems that would have been greatly increased if SCC was open to the neighborhood. To help make this decision the Council met briefly with Diane Solheid-Miller. As an alternative, Diane suggested a "Story Hour" that could be held once a week during this summer that would be open to the Pax Christi neighborhood. The Council approved Diane's suggestion and also asked that SCC be open to children within the Pax neighborhood next summer. Additional suggestions provided by Council members included: The Middle School Work Camp could hold a "children's carnival" as their "Service Project". Make sure next years SCC is not held at the same time as the Youth Service Trip.

**2. Social Justice Committee reply** to letter sent last month by Pastoral Council asking for their assistance in a Neighborhood Outreach project by the end of this summer.

- a. Current activities of this ministry include but not limited to: Fair-trade coffee, legislation efforts at the capital, prison reform book study
- b. The Pastoral Council will invite the Social Justice Committee or rep(s) to meet to discuss issues presented in the reply letter.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**The following topics were discussed:**

- 1 Parishioner / Ministry Surveys:** Miguel to update new Council members on last year's survey results.
- 2. Pax Christi Mission:** What can we do to improve our achievements?
- 3. Retreat for Pastoral Council Members**
  - a. Begin a Spiritual journey together

- b. Discernment process—where would we like to spend our energies, there are more things than we can possibly do.

#### **4. Financial Report for Pastoral Council members**

- a. Pete Streit will work with Finance Council members. Council decided they did not need a monthly report but would like to see the budget for 2009 and each year there after.

#### **5. Parishioner membership numbers**

- a. Enrollment steady for past four years
- b. Families: approx: 1400+, People: approx: 4,700+ -constant over the past 4 years
- c. Oct., 2006-March, 2007—gained 122 new families, lost 104, net gain of 18 families
- d. Mass attendance. Every Oct, the DOW asked for a head count, ushers do exactly that.
- e. Last four years average 1550 to over 1600 every Mass on a given week-end.
- f. That is 35% of population. A little below U.S. Catholic average. Other countries: South & Central America—higher, Europe—lower.
- g. Prior to 2005 Pax Christi staff did an extensive update of parish enrollment.
- h. Removed 1 Mass from schedule in 2002.

### **GROTTO – QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GARDEN**

- a. Letter and pledge cards sent via US mail to parishioners. All are encouraged to read.
- b. Bulletin Board in Gathering Space.
  - a. Draws out aspects of Virgin Mary's life and how it comes together in the Grotto.
  - b. Photo of Clay model to be created into bronze form by Susan Young, MI.
  - c. Kyle Herring is contributing his expertise toward the flowers, trees, seating benches so Grotto will have shade.
- c. Pledges.
  - a. Current funds are at \$6,000 plus
  - b. Currently developing a list of specific items people can purchase for the Grotto.
  - c. What is important is the significance of the project, not exact cost.

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

- a. To Mary Jo Masog for her long-time Finance Council member contributions. Amy Moore is obtaining a plaque.
- b. To past council members for their work. Amy Moore is also obtaining a plaque for the members which will be presented at a Mass where each one will be recognized.
- c. To Diane S/Miller and all SCC teachers and volunteers

Christmas Recognition for staff. It was suggested we revive this practice which in the past included a gift card. To be considered and discussed at next meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

August 19, 2008, 7 p.m., Round Table.

July, 2008 meeting time will include a picnic as well as a retreat for council members.

## **COUNCIL PICNIC**

Council picnic will be Sunday, July 13, beginning at 4 p.m. at the home of Larry & Judy Wagner. An update and directions will arrive via e-mail or US mail.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing prayer by Randy Horlocker.

June 29<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul.  
This is the year of the Jubilee to celebrate St. Paul.  
Motto: "For me in life is Christ"  
Randy offered a prayer which reflected on St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Wagner, Recording Secretary