

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, October 30, 2006

Members present: Pete Streit, Father Joe Keefe, Tom Mulvey, Miguel Paz, Mark Slattery, Nancy Gaudet and Teresa Silker.

Members absent: Fr. Caesar

Visitors: Art Dunne, Pax Stewardship Director

Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Gaudet. Gospel meditation was conducted by Pete Streit.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 17th, 2006 meeting were approved with one revision.

Financial Report

No report was made during this meeting. Report was made 2 weeks earlier during the Oct 17th meeting.

Stewardship Report

Goal: For Pax Christi to become a "Total Stewardship" parish. To have Pax become a "more spiritually enriched parish community, where our gifts are shared, and our parish will have the necessary resources to complete its mission to be Christ to our community".

Art Dunne, the newly appointed Stewardship director for the Pax Stewardship Committee, met with the Pastoral Council for the first time to present his approach to Total Stewardship. Art began by giving us a brief history of his background in working at the Diocesan level on Stewardship. The Pax Stewardship Committee plans to spend the next 3 to 4 months educating themselves on stewardship using the U.S. Bishop's pastoral letter, **Stewardship: A Disciples Response**, and by studying the examples of 2 Parishes which embrace Total Stewardship. These are St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Wichita, Kansas and Epiphany Parish in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Art distributed copies of his presentation to the Pastoral Council. Additional copies can be made available upon request. The Pastoral Council agreed this was a good start toward Total Stewardship. The Pax Stewardship Committee, will work as the "implementation group" for this project and will report to the Pastoral Council on a quarterly basis.

Interfaith Partnership

Goal: Better understanding of different cultures/religions. Pax Christi would like to be a Leader in bringing people together for the good of all.

Status: Tom Mulvey talked with Rev. Brunner from the Mennonite Church about the possibility of working together on a community service project. The Rev. Brunner had previously helped organize the "Walk in Another's Religions Shoes" project. Rev. Brunner is open to the idea of working with Pax and other "faith groups". Fr. Joe would like to see this task be given to another Ministry within Pax which would serve as the "implementation group". Fr. Joe to discuss with Tom Mulvey and others about which Pax Ministry would best be suited for this project. Once that is decided then additional information regarding which Community Service project to do and with what "faith groups" can go forward.

Pete also asked Fr. Joe how Pax was doing with the IHN Program. Fr. Joe said that a new IHN coordinator has been named. Fr. Joe also mentioned that since going to a new 2 week "Buddy Church" system, Pax has had no trouble in getting IHN volunteers.

Faith Formation

Issue: Are all registered parishioners in grades 1-9 getting the proper Faith Education. (Through GIFT, Catholic schools, parents, etc).

First Priority: During the Oct 17th Pastoral Council meeting it was decided that before any changes are made to the GIFT program, or before introducing any new programs, that we find out how many school age children (grades 1-9) at Pax are currently enrolled in GIFT or the Catholic schools. Miguel Paz was assigned this task with the help of Amy Moore (Parish staff).

Status presented during the meeting: Amy Moore is currently working to get an accurate count on the number of Pax children who are NOT enrolled in GIFT or the Catholic schools. Target date for data was Nov 3rd.

While trying to obtain this data Amy found several problems with the Church database regarding registered parishioners as well as missing data on GIFT registrants. Once this report is complete a “softcopy” will be sent out to all Pastoral Council members.

Old Business

GIFT Meal help. It was decided that the Pastoral Council will help do the Clean-Up after the GIFT meal on Monday, Dec 4th.

Thank You Notes

Tom Mulvey will send thank you notes to the following:

- Ron Yanish for supporting the Higher Power concert.

Closing

Oscar Romero Reflection was read by Pete Streit.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00pm.