

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 18th, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Father Joe Keefe,

First Officer: Miguel Paz,

Members present: Pat Fallon, Gene Plutowski, Randy Horlocker, Greg Sherman

Members absent: MaryEllen Tanka

Parish Trustee: Teresa Silker

Guests: Mike Burns

OPENING PRAYER

The Gospel according to Matthew was read by Randy Horlocker and discussed by members.

OLD BUSINESS

1. NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH PROJECT – GARDEN PLOTS.

Mike Burns from the Social Justice committee updated the Pastoral Council regarding the “neighborhood garden plot project”. This project would be run by the Social Justice group as part of the new Pax Neighborhood outreach ministry. Mike provided a copy of what rules would be used to govern the plots as well as a copy of the Application form that would be used. Plan is to start small at first, 10 to 15 plots, with half the plots being made available to Pax Parishioners. Applications would be made available in January. Some issues still to be worked out. These include; water usage and the impact to the youth soccer field. Mike Burns to provide a visual layout of the area to be used. Fr. Keefe to discuss this project with the Finance Council.

2. PAX CHRISTI PASTORAL COUNCIL: FULFILLING THE PARISH VISION, STRATEGIC PLANNING 2008.

- a. Earlier in the day, several council members presented the strategic initiatives from the strategic plan to the Parish staff. The council members summarized the results of that meeting. Overall, Parish staff is very excited about this plan. Several ideas were brought forth by the Parish staff.
- b. The Pastoral Council then discussed what the next steps will be for moving forward. It was decided that we now need to start rolling out these initiatives to the rest of the Parish. This will be done in several steps with some items being done in parallel. Three separate meetings will be setup during the month of December for all Parish Ministry leaders. Each Ministry leader will be required to attend one of the 3 meetings made available. In addition, Greg will work with Amy Moore and Art Dunne to try and pull together a “Ministry Matrix” to help us determine what areas we need to address.

- c. Look at the possibility of discussing these strategic initiatives during the February GIFT sessions.
- d. Gene Plutowski to look into the possibility of getting a volunteer to “oversee” our communication strategy on how to best roll out these initiatives.
- e. In January, hold a special “town hall” dialog session with the “twenty-somethings” of our Parish over breakfast.
- f. Due to the number of meetings being held throughout December to roll out this plan, there will be NO Pastoral Council meeting in December.

THANK YOU NOTES

1. To Gloria and Dave Herbeck and Joe Cors for the Catholic Schools / Lourdes Campaign presentation.

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing thoughts were presented by Miguel Paz.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel Paz
First Officer.