

Pax Christi Pastoral Council

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Minutes

Members Present:

Council:

Randy Horlocker

Sally Burns

Zeljko Bajzer

Julie Andrist

Parish Trustee:

Teresa Silker

Parish Administrator:

Mark Oldenberg

Pastors:

Fr. Fogal

Fr. Pratap

Old Business

Website Plans

- The next meeting to review updates for the website is scheduled for February 9.

Youth Center Board

- No update.

It was agreed that the action items Faith Formation Subcommittee and Virtus training are closed.

Measuring the Health of the Parish and Potential Council/Staff Retreat

- Fr. Joe discussed possibly combining the retreat with Holy Spirit staff and councils. He asked for areas and topics that should be examined for the “health” of the parish. Social Justice is one of the gifts our parish has, and additional topics could include Adult Faith Formation, and overall parish Vision. The timeframe for a retreat is open at this time to allow for further discussion and preparation. Fr. Joe asked that the council members bring ideas and retreat topics to the February meeting.

New Business

Naming a place at Pax in honor of Fr. Keefe

- There was discussion on ways to honor Fr. Keefe and also be respectful of the parish history. This item will be discussed further at the February meeting, and the council members are asked to bring specific ideas.

Consideration of topic of domestic abuse as part of Adult Faith formation

- Mark said that the speaker at Fall Ministry Days is offering her services to promote awareness of domestic abuse and what constitutes a healthy marriage. This could be a topic for the spring adult formation event. Mark will look into this in more detail.

Communicating Key Parish-wide Event

- Mark briefly discussed the upcoming event on January 29 that will be led by Kim and Jason Kotecki and is based on their book. Mark said the topic will be spiritual and lead to faith development.

Cross Parish Efforts with Holy Spirit

- Fr. Joe and Mark discussed possible synergies with Holy Spirit to pool resources and funding. This could center around Adult Faith formation and Young Adults. Holy Spirit is interested in borrowing some of Angie and Zach's time for youth groups. Holy Spirit is also kicking off a 3 year Lenten series called "Living the Eucharist", and it was noted that Holy Spirit has been able to get some wonderful speakers in past series.

Financial Updates

- The parish is financially healthy and expenses are under budget. A recent bequest gift was discussed and will be communicated to the parish.

Results of the Stove Project

- The project was a tremendous success, with \$5,290 donated during Advent. This is enough money to purchase 35 stoves.

Rochester Catholics Read

- The Rochester Social Justice and Deacon Dave Plevak are leading a city wide reading of the book "The Death of Josseline" by Margaret Regan. This book discusses immigration issues, and Pax will host a book discussion on March 22. The author will be coming to Rochester in April for an event.

Open Forum

- Mark was approached by the National Community Resource Center with the idea of the Pax Christi campus hosting a block party for needy people in the surrounding neighborhoods. This event would include food shelf distribution, clothing, back to school items, and would be staffed by their own volunteers. The timeframe would be a Friday in August. There was discussion among the Council on how this event would conflict with Pax's regular National Night out event at the same time, and how should Pax prioritize these ideas. Mark will gather more information on this proposal.
- The Sunday morning nursery operation is not working without volunteers. Is there a need? Mark will look into this further and is reaching out to the Children's Ministry Team and also to parents of children baptized over the past year.
- The Diocese is implementing the next phase of Virtus education called Circle of Grace. This instruction will be delivered through the Faith Formation classes.

The next Council Meeting will be February 21, 2012.