

# **Pax Christi Pastoral Council**

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

## Minutes

### **Members Present:**

#### **Council:**

Greg Sherman  
Randy Horlocker  
Sally Burns  
Tom Speltz  
Julie Andrist

#### **Parish Trustee:**

#### **Parish Administrator:**

Mark Oldenberg

#### **Pastors:**

Fr. Fogal  
Fr. Pratap

### Old Business

#### Marian Grotto

- The Grotto is in place and ready to be used as a place of prayer and to help further the Marion spirituality in the parish. A second phase was originally planned but very little remains to be done!

#### Andrew Writz Boy Scout Eagle Project

- We briefly recapped the landscaping project carried out by Andrew Writz and Boy Scout Troop 83. Andrew had requested a small plaque be added to show folks that this was provided as part of an Eagle project. The council reviewed the plaque design and approved the plaque.
- Andrew also had extra money left from his fundraising. It was requested that he use that to provide a stone to provide a base to place the Jesus/child statue.

### New Business

#### Transportation Ministry / new Parish Sponsored Transportation Guidelines

- Mark notified the council that our legal council recommends against arranging transportation to/from church activities. There is a risk that the parish would become legally liable in the event of an accident. Mark stated that he has arranged for Rochester Transport to provide needed transportation if the need arises.

#### Cooking safely for Groups

- The Mazepa parish is providing training for safe cooking for groups. We will likewise provide such training for those in the parish that have volunteered or are responsible for cooking for large groups.

## Financial Peace University

- The council discussed the need for the church to sponsor financial management training. Mark had investigated a viable, Christian-based, education and training program. We discussed the need for this. We concluded that we should first solicit to see if there is an interest/need prior to formally arranging such a program.

## Measuring the “Health” of the Parish

- We discussed the need for us to understand the overall well being and progress of the parish. We all agreed to give some thought to ways we might be able to measure this. Fr. Joe shared some of the things they have done in his past parishes. We will discuss this topic further in a subsequent meeting.

## Youth Update

- Zach is working hard to expand our youth ministry outreach. It was noted that Father Matthew Fasnacht was working on similar activities so hopefully they can meet and possibly collaborate.

The Next Meeting will be January 17, 2012. We will not meet in December to give everyone more time to connect with family and friends over the holiday season!!

## Misc Action Follow Up (may or may not have anything to discuss)

### Website Plans – multiple phases

Mark /Greg

- Work continues to find the right technology to add elements to our website such as forms, payments and a directory.

### Youth Center Board Update

Greg

- Work is progressing additional young adult ministries and programs. It was mentioned that Zach should connect with Fr Faser as he is also working to set up a time to socialize and come together in fellowship. Greg will let Zach know so he may connect with him and work together on this issue.