

# **Pax Christi Pastoral Council**

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

## Minutes

### **Members Present:**

#### **Council:**

Greg Sherman  
Randy Horlocker  
Zeljko Bajzer  
Sally Burns  
Tom Speltz  
Julie Andrist

#### **Parish Trustee:**

Teresa Silker

#### **Parish Administrator:**

Mark Oldenberg

#### **Pastors:**

Fr. Fogal  
Fr. Pratap

### Old Business

Reviewed Open Action Items – see notes below.

#### Ministry Leader Event

- The Ministry Leader Event had good participation. The event included about 20 ministry leaders as well as several council members and both Fr. Pratap and Fr. Fogal. Each member introduced their ministry and several areas of networking among the ministries were identified.
- The idea of “mini” ministry fairs was introduced. The idea would be to have several “like” ministries available after mass around one particular topic. Perhaps it would be to have all the bible study groups on one Sunday. Or, perhaps in conjunction with a homily on Mary, there could be the rosary group along with the Marian group.

#### Family Event Feedback

- There was positive feedback on both speakers that were at the church the weekend of 9/18. The council agreed that such outside speakers are good for the parish spiritual and community growth.

### New Business

#### Parish Council Expectations

- Fr. Fogal covered his expectations for the council. He asked the members to be the eyes and ears of the parish and to be visible and approachable.
- Mark will ensure council members contact details are on the website.

## RCIA Coordinator

- There is a need for an RCIA coordinator and additional focus on stewardship and ministries. Fr has a strong candidate interested in working on this part time. Fr has received a commitment for financial support from a parishioner to cover one year's salary for this position. The council recommended proceeding with this addition to the staff as a trial for that one year period. After one year we can evaluate the impact and possible financial implications of making this a long term position.

## Council Retreat

- We will look to conduct a retreat with the council and staff early next year. Perhaps we can share the cost of a facilitator with another parish.

## Adult Coverage for Children's Programs

- Mark informed the council that there will be a requirement for youth leaders of children's programs that are over 16 to take the Virtus training. Parents must grant permission for their children to take the training if they are under 18 years old.

## Adoration

- Fr reported that we do have coverage for adoration at this time and that slight changes to the approach will be made so that the Blessed Eucharist can be stored appropriately if someone is unable to make their time slot.

The Next Meeting will be Oct 18

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

### Review of faith formation enrollment

Mark

- The council asked if we could find out the number of faith formation participants this year and in the past to understand the level of attendance at these programs.

### Website Plans – multiple phases

Mark /Greg

- The communication committee is looking at software to allow more online forms, registrations, payments, etc.

### Youth Center Board Update

Greg

- First young adult activity was held. The council members are asked to reach out to young adults they know to encourage more participation.

### Parish-wide Faith Formation Subcommittee

TBD

- The council will ask for ideas and discern what approach is appropriate here – survey of topics? Speakers? Lenten length activities? Marriage encounters?
- We will discuss ideas and an approach at our next meeting.

### Prayer Garden Committee

Randy/Mark

- Targeting a parish communications and dedication on Oct 16.

Explore ways to link the Catholic Social Teaching YTM project to the year's faith formation project.

Mark/Zach

### Vertus Training – all Parish Council

All

- Nearly all members have attended the training. The rest of the members will try to attend the training in the next few weeks.