

## **PAX CHRISTI PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

**Present:** Brandon Hedinger, Raul Yan, Gloria Freese, Bob Rhode, Matt Giancarlo, Mickey Head, Melissa Holland, and Fr. Nick Pagano

**Excused:** Karen Goss and Suzann Drakeford

Fr. Nick opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30 pm.

**FINANCE:** The Finance Council met on 10/17/13. The Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison for July through September 2013 was presented. Offertory remains unchanged while School Funds and Capital Campaign receipts are significantly decreased compared to July through September 2012. Regular offertory receipts are slightly ahead of last year's number during comparable months.

**LITURGY:** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Holy Hour for Vocations on the first Sunday of the month from noon to 1 pm. Fr. Nick will be meeting with Arts and Environment to look at Advent and Christmas decorations. Prayers of the Faithful are being written by four parishioners alternating monthly: Stephanie Adams, Meggan Conway, Lucita Yan, and Diana Maldonado. Collection during the Sunday 11 AM Mass is flowing better as more people are familiar with the new procedure. It was suggested to continue having the music leader at each Mass remind parishioners to look under the pew for the collection basket.

**FORMATION: Youth Group-** Will be attending NCCY (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 21-24. Father Nick and Melissa will attend with 21 Pax Christi students and 7 adults. Middle School & High School Youth meet on the first 3 Sundays of the month at Pax Christi from 7:00-8:30 pm. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month only high school students attend. A Net Retreat is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Homes to house the team will be needed. Anyone wishing to house team members should contact the church office. **Catechist Training-** It was decided to hold monthly meetings to better coordinate the Children's Faith Walk and to promote a faculty community. **Vacation Bible School** - The VBS material has been ordered. VBS will be held June 22-26, 2014 from 6:00-8:30 pm. The program is for 3 year olds to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Sara Pinkerton is the coordinator. An organizational meeting will be held the end of Jan. Dates for the Monticello VBS will be set at that meeting. Anyone who is interested in helping, watch the bulletin or web site for the meeting date. **Christian Initiation (RCIA)** - meets at the Retreat House, 3989 Toronto Ct. on Sundays from 9:45-10:45am. There are 3 candidates for full communion and 3 catechumens. They all have sponsors. **Alert!!!!There are 4 inquirers who need sponsors.** Please call Harley Sinclair, 245-5355 or Melissa Holland, 273-9999 if you can help. As a service project those participating in our Christian Initiation Program will clean at Calvary Cemetery every Fall and Spring as an ongoing service. **Adult Education** - Kitchen Chatter – Meets in the kitchen from 9:45-10:45 am. Martha Brough is the coordinator. Different topics are covered. Call Martha at 223-0680 for more information. **LexBible** – Meets on Tuesday at 7:15 pm in the church basement. Using the Great Adventures DVD series, Acts: The Spread

of the Kingdom, will be studied. **Women's Book Club** – Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Retreat House. The Dec. book is Tattlers Branch by Jan Watson. **Tuesday Morning Book Club** – Meets after 9:30 am Mass in the church library in the basement. The current book is Women in the Old Testament. **Baptism Prep** - The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, coordinators David & Christine Gibson have a meeting from 12:30-3:00 pm. **Spirituality** – The Retreat House is available for anyone who needs a respite. It is \$50 a night. Call Polly Johnson 552-4285 for more information. **Ecumenical Events** - Thanksgiving Service will be held on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> at Phillips Memorial C.M.E. Church at 7:00 pm. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Celebration will be on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**PARISH LIFE:** Suzann filed this report in her absence. **Bereavement Committee:** The group met Oct 22 and continued with plans for the All Souls Day bereavement mass and reception which was held on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Invitations were sent to those who had lost family members within the past year. **Social Life** - The monthly meeting was held on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. The group handled the sign-ups for the Chili Cook-off before and after all masses leading up to the event. During Parish Mission Week, Oct 21-24<sup>th</sup>, the members of the committee supplied breakfast items and appetizers. The group continued to have a busy month (as usual!) also working on the Autumn Affair and contributing to the All Souls Mass reception. They are planning the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. **Garden of Eatin'** - The group held a fund raising event during the Vendor Fair on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. They sold breakfast and lunch items to raise money to offset the cost of purchases for the garden. **Dads and Daughters Dance** planning committee met on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> to continue with plans for the February event. **Women's Club** - The group held its monthly dinner on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at O'Charleys. 16 women attended the purely social event. No church talk allowed! Just a lot of fun!! **Crafters Club** - The group held their annual sale during the weekend of Oct 26/27. Beautiful Christmas decorations, precious baby clothes and blankets, children's items, household decorations and other items were presented for sale. The group provided all cost of the materials, made everything themselves and contributed all the proceeds to the parish. **New Member Brunch** - A delicious buffet was enjoyed on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and 4 new families were welcomed to the parish. Many thanks to Joe and Edith Hara who always head up the event. **Autumn Affair and Reverse Raffle** - The event was a complete success! Hats off to Karen Goss and Brooke Amadon who headed up the event. Kelly Bruggemann headed up the Silent Auction committee. Michele Zachman organized the contributions of baskets by all the Faith Walk classes. The January minutes will show the accounting for all the fall fund raising activities.

**PROPERTY:** Contract was signed with Comfort System USA for HVAC maintenance. This will include biannual filter changes thereby holding the company accountable and ensuring timely maintenance. Fly problems persist with no definitive solution. Father proposed putting together contact lists for property committee to engage parishioners help in meeting building fund goals. A ten dollar monthly contribution from 250 people would alleviate the current shortfall of 2,500 a month.

**OUTREACH:** The Treat or Treat event at Pax Christi on Saturday October 26 was a big success. Reports back from RealLife Radio indicate it was the best attended T/T event they have held so far. We served/reached out to about 1000 members of the community. Discussions will be held about possibly hosting it here again next year. Participating parish groups included the Knights, Community Garden, Men's Club, and more. Ecumenical participation included the St. Andrews Antiochian Orthodox Church (food), the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection (shuttle bus), and the Porter Memorial Baptist Church (parking). Charity/public participation included Real Life Radio 1380 and Ronald McDonald House, and others. **Giving Tree Planning** committee met on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Plans were made for the gift giving and party for children in Monticello/Wayne County, KY. We will be going to Monticello on December 14. Nancy Lacy is chair, and we are hoping to put together a group of people to go down, and have an actual party for the kids with music, Santa, etc. Volunteers are needed. **The RCIA** group provided and served dinner at Catholic Action Center as part of their service commitment on Wed Oct 30th. They also committed to cleaning Calvary cemetery twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE:** Parish Mission week was well received with an evening attendance averaging seventy parishioners. The day sessions were also well attended. Offerings for Fr Gallagher exceeded \$2500 dollars. The first year Confirmation class had a very successful trip to Bardstown, Ky. for a visit to Holy Lands of Kentucky. An anonymous offer has been made to contribute Thanksgiving Dinner to a needy family in our parish. Melissa asked for any ideas in identifying such a family.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion of Autumn Affair was tabled as Karen Goss (coordinator of the Autumn Affair) would like to be involved in the discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Welcoming Committees** will be established at each Mass-Father Nick has contact for 5pm Mass; Bob agreed to contact Toni Ellis for contact info, and to reinvigorate past efforts at establishing consistent Welcoming Committees for 8:30/11:00 Masses. **Volunteer Job Descriptions** - Father Nick agreed to formulate two job descriptions for much needed coordinator volunteers-Welcoming Committee, and RCIA Sponsors. **Town Hall Meetings** - Discussion was held about having Town Hall meetings scheduled between the Sunday morning Masses in the near future. **Ministry Fair Sundays** -- Discussion was held about having Ministry Fair Sundays in January. Focus will be as follows: January 4/5 Liturgy; January 11/12 Faith Formation; January 18/19; Parish Life; January 25/26 Outreach

**Parish Recognition:** Parish Life - Dennis Tekrony; Outreach - Mark Kelder; Formation - Gloria Becker; Liturgy: Kathi Hume

The meeting closed with a prayer by Fr. Nick at 8:30. Next meeting January 23rd 2014. The Advent Dinner will on December 18, 2013 replace the December meeting.