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| **Council:** | **Community Council** |
| **Meeting Date:** | **November 15, 2022** |
| **Minutes Prepared By:** | **Lekha Pauly** |
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| **Attendees:** | Mary Boerner | Bruce Koehn |
| Carol Bishop | Sheila Ward |
| Karen Wilder | Lekha Pauly |
| Barb Hokanson | Katie Lenius |
| Mary Lanners  | Dave Putrich |
| Patricia Hughes Baumer |  Jeanne Roffee |
| Phyllis Olson |  |
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| **Absent:** | Tom Scheller | Fr. William Murtaugh |
| **Guest:** | Scott Brazil |  |

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Phyllis

**Prayer:** Jeanne Roffee

**Approved Last Month Minutes:** Minutes of the October meeting were approved with changes proposed by Jeanne Roffee.

**Approved Revisions:** Changes to the finance council report out on re-engagement initiative goals.

# Update from Scott Brazil –Youth & Youth Adult Engagement Priority Progress Report

# Shannon, new youth minister, is planning various social events and connecting with youth ministers from other churches.

# ‘Introduction to Prayer' sessions for youth.

# Kids will help organize prayer service and step into volunteer roles.

# Opportunities for service explored - Arc Value Village.

# Confirmation retreat class has about 40-50 kids. 1 out 6 confirmation student families are not registered as members. Not all churches were offering online options during the pandemic which brought those families to Pax Christi since we offered an online faith formation program. Some families thought they were registered but were not. Some had to register at the church associated with their kids’ school so could have been moved to another parish automatically. 15-20 new families have enrolled as parishioners.

# Karen Wilder expressed that there is a shortage of greeters and wondered if more youth could be encouraged to explore the ministry.

# Scott asked for recommendations for service opportunities. Mary Lanners suggested Open Arms. Scott had explored their website but could not find opportunities for one day service. They required a 3-month commitment. Phyllis suggested Loaves and Fishes. Council members could send ideas to Scott if they think of other opportunities.

# Re-Engagement initiative goals

# Two councils presented reports on their re-engagement initiatives.

# Sheila Ward, chair of LLDE Council, presented her report on ‘Lunch with Boomers and Beyond group' event. Event had 60 attendees. The event was well-received. Maura has received emails from others expressing interest in joining the group and to lead other activities for the group.

# Mary Lanners, chair of Justice Council, presented her report on the ‘Land Acknowledgement’ initiative. The Land Acknowledgement team is working to build awareness about the initiative by hosting various events and discussions for the community. The goal is to create a statement that will be read at Pax Christi events that will to honor the history of the Indigenous persons who lived on the land that Pax Christi has stood on for the past 40 years.

1. **Ministry Council Goals for 2023**
* Phyllis talked about 2023 goals. Continue to focus on youth, re-engagement and outreach. This past year's focus tended to be on events. Explore how we can move to a deeper level to reconnect and further develop the relationships we have begun.
* Discuss with ministry council what to continue or do better that we already do
* For instance, new member welcome. Maura hands out a welcome packet to new members but how do we extend that welcome over time, not just integrating into the community but also getting to know the new members personally.
* Councils to think about what can we do to further involve people. Like hosting a family, attending church with them, journeying with them etc. Brainstorm ideas in January and sketch a plan by February on how we make Pax Christi a place where people feel at home.
* Plan to define ‘Outreach’ as a goal more clearly in December meeting.
1. **Carol update**
* November 19 & 20 - Weekend for launching St. John's Bible at Pax Christi.
* December 4 Installation mass for Fr. Bill at 11:00 am.
* Tree lighting – November 30 at 6:30 pm.
* Advent Penitential Service Dec 6. At 7:00 pm - Flyer with Advent happenings.
* December 7 at 6:30 pm - Introduction to St. John's Bible.
1. **Miscellaneous**

Dave proposed that the community council could recognize the efforts of staff members for all the extra work and time they have put in to prepare for the St. John's Bible in addition to their regular duties. Phyllis will send out a thank you card to the staff for all the work that they have done in preparation for the St. John’s Bible.

Demographic study report coming soon.

 **Moved to adjourn at 6:35 pm.**

**Next Meeting December 13, 2022**.