

PAX Community

Minutes for General Membership Meeting January 29, 2017

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 11:00 at the meeting room of the Blueberry Hill community following the mass.

New Bishop

The first item for discussion was the question of PAX's response to the installation of a new bishop. Doug Spaulding reviewed the process undertaken by the Community to gather views about how PAX should proceed. He summarized the responses from several PAX celebrants, members of our community and others who uniformly recommended that PAX not take steps to reach out to the new bishop at this time, but rather to take a "wait and see" approach. After some further discussion, the clear consensus of the meeting was to follow that advice. The steering committee committed to returning to the full community before taking any steps that would bring PAX to the attention of the new bishop.

New Website

Doug provided background on problems with the PAX website and the desire over many years to upgrade the site. He reported that the Steering Committee had authorized the expenditure of \$800 for the

services of a web designer to help create a new website for PAX. The new site is currently being tested and improved by a committee of PAX members including: Doug, Paula, Ron, Charlie, Megan, June, Tao, Nellie and Rhonda. Doug provided a demonstration of the new site to the members who indicated that they were pleased with the direction of the website improvements. Further work needs to be done, but the new site is expected to be ready soon. Further information on the new website will be disseminated on our listserv.

PAX Education Committee

Sylvia gave a report on the PAX Education Committee. A copy of the Committee's report is attached. She also asked for volunteers to assist in planning a PAX retreat for later this year.

PIN Cushion Report

Marian gave a report on the PIN Cushion Committee. A copy of the summary of PIN Cushion donations is attached. Maria Teresa reported on the impact these donation have for some of the people we have helped, and she shared their expressions of gratitude to the PAX Community.

Treasurer's Report

Judy gave the treasurer's report. Copies of the Fourth Quarter and Annual Reports for 2016 are attached. The Community authorized the Treasurer to obtain a credit card for PAX expenditures.

Miscellaneous

The Community was not in favor of an expenditure of funds for new pewter cups. The Community approved the request to offer Fr. Vince Cushing the \$169 registration fee for a conference in April that he expressed interest in attending.

The meeting concluded at 12:40.

PAX Education Committee Report

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The PAX Education Committee has presented a number of programs in 2016, with a goal of one gathering a month.

Early in the year, participating in an IEC meeting enabled us to learn about IECs in the Metro area. Using PAX-L, we continue to inform PAX members of events offered by NOVA, in particular, which is especially active in the areas of peace and social justice. It has been proposed that the IEC's meet again this year, in February, with a theme of social/environmental justice. It was noted that NOVA holds an annual retreat, to better educate and learn from each other, and to build their sense of community. The Listserv is also used to communicate information on valuable programs close by, e.g. Georgetown and Catholic University, and for sharing of articles of interest.

Our brunch programs at Pulcinella's Restaurant have been popular, drawing 25 or 30 each time. Speakers included:

Sarah Spengeman from NETWORK, on the activities of the Nuns on the Bus; a documentary on the lives of immigrants from Central America and Mexico; a speaker on immigration and Syrian Refugee Projects in Syria and surrounding countries; a film, The Incredible Journey of the Butterflies, tracing their journey and disappearance; a film documentary, Unacceptable Levels, showing how toxic chemicals have become a part of our lives; our annual OXFAM fast, focusing on world hunger; the Secretary General and Marie Dennis, Co-President of PAX Christi International speaking on their programs for peace and reconciliation. After each program, participants were given information for follow-up on what was presented.

Advent continued our focus on issues of Immigration and the refugee crisis, hosted by the Syrian Refugee Committee.

In the coming months, there will be a series of meetings at Pulcinellas:

February – Film, Before the Deluge by Leonardo di Caprio

March - SALT, John Horesji will speak on legislative issues

Lenten Series - Fr. Ted Keating will present a series on Nonviolent Resistance

April - A speaker and/or event honoring the Earth

We plan to visit the retreat center at Holy Cross Abbey, in Berryville, and will view the film Saving Place, Saving Grace, by Deidra D. Dain (Deidra@picturefarmerfilms.com). Deidra may speak later in the year.

Other areas of interest include: the teachings and philosophy of Teilhard de Chardin; a presentation by Les Myers on the economy, and the work of the Center of Concern; the possibility of a book club; exploration of Right to Life in all its forms, including the life of the planet; prison reform; end of life issues, and socially responsible investing.

The Education Committee welcomes your input. A survey form is available.

Sylvia, Lois, Stephanie, Sally

PAX PIN Cushion Fund	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTALS	2017
Income								
Prior Year Xmas Eve Collection	\$2,085	\$2,760	\$702	\$620	\$110	\$1,110		\$1,103
10% SNDC Distribution	\$1,744	\$1,600	\$1,350	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$0		
Donations - Earmarked	\$3,250	\$2,700	\$2,250	\$7,785	\$3,281	\$4,440		
Donations - Unearmarked	\$720	\$175	\$200	\$151	\$8,560	\$1,865		
Carryover from Prior Year	\$0	\$149	\$976	(\$270)	\$4,083	\$3,820		\$1,262
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,799	\$7,384	\$5,478	\$9,786	\$17,234	\$11,235		\$2,365
Grants								
Rental Assistance	\$4,200	\$3,993	\$2,550	\$3,901	\$8,510	\$8,630	\$31,784	67%
Tuition Assistance	\$1,500	\$1,950	\$2,533	\$1,630	\$0	\$0	\$7,613	16%
Bill Paying Assistance	\$1,050	\$0	\$0	\$147	\$0	\$0	\$1,197	2%
Legal Assistance	\$0	\$465	\$465	\$0	\$0	\$885	\$1,815	4%
Daycare Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600	\$0	\$3,600	8%
Medical/Dental Assistance	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$458	\$1,058	2%
Miscellaneous	\$300	\$0	\$200	\$25	\$193.56	\$0	\$718.56	1%
TOTAL GRANTS	\$7,650	\$6,408	\$5,748	\$5,703	\$12,304	\$9,973	\$47,785.84	100%
Carryover to Next Year	\$149	\$976	(\$270)	\$4,082.72	\$4,930	\$1,262		

The PAX Community
Treasurer's Report –Fourth Quarter 2016

Beginning Balance:		27290.71
Income		
General Collection:		
October	1878.00	
November	3255.00	
December	3555.00	
Benjamin Fund	900.00	
Food Fund	2764.00	
PIN	1653.00	
Oxfam	452.00	
Syrian families	2100.00	
PAX Christi-Fadi	3403.00	
Christmas Outreach	50.00	
Network	100.00	
PAX Christi	419.00	
Center of Concern	100.00	
Franciscan Mission Service	100.00	
Atrium	150.00	
Uncashed checks	350.00	
Bank Interest	0.65	
Total Income		21229.65
Expenditures		
Rent	4350.00	
Liturgy – Presiders	3250.00	
Food Fund	2844.00	
Benjamin Fund	825.00	
PIN	870.00	
Adult Ed	200.00	
Oxfam	452.00	
PAX Christi	944.00	
PAX Christi-Fadi		850.00
Syrian families	4739.64	
Center of Concern	100.00	
Website	690.00	
Christmas Outreach	50.00	
Papers of Incorporation	75.00	
PAX fund to bring balance to \$500	61.00	
Supplies	10.39	
Total Expenditures		20311.03
Balance on Hand as of 12/31/16		28209.33

**The PAX Community
Treasurer's Report –Annual Report 2016**

Beginning Balance: **25558.45**

Income

General Collection	34805.00	
Benjamin Fund	3760.00	
Food Fund	12074.00	
PIN	7408.00	
Christmas Outreach	50.00	
Uncashed Checks	500.00	
Network	250.00	
Oxfam	452.00	
PAXChristi-Fadi	5518.00	
PAX Christi	1669.00	
Center of Concern	300.00	
Atrium	300.00	
Syrian Dinner	2105.00	
Syrian Families	11702.50	
Franciscan Mission Service	100.00	
Interest	2.28	
Total Income		80995.78

Expenditures

Rent	16900.00	
Liturgy – Presiders	13500.00	
Food Fund	12094.00	
Benjamin Fund	3300.00	
PIN	9073.00	
Supplies	307.89	
Music	359.00	
Christmas Outreach	50.00	
Web Page	809.40	
Adult Education	500.00	
Oxfam	452.00	
Network	150.00	
Center of Concern	300.00	
PAX Christi-Fadi	11075.00	
PAX Christi	1294.00	
Syrian Dinner	1046.10	
Syrian Families	6998.51	
Papers of Incorporation	75.00	
To increase PAX Fund to \$500	61.00	
Total expenses		78344.90
Balance on hand as of 12-31-2016		28209.33

PAX Savings Account 512.76
(Includes \$022 interest)