

# **Minutes of the PAX General Meeting**

October 23, 2022

The General Meeting was called to order by Ann Brown at 10:50 on Sunday, October 23, 2022. Katy DuGarm offered an opening prayer to begin the meeting. (A copy of the meeting agenda is attached.)

## **Liturgy survey findings and planning discussion**

Ann Brown presented the results of the recent PAX survey regarding Zoom liturgies and hybrid liturgies. She indicated that the survey results were considered in the decision to regularize the schedule of Zoom and hybrid liturgies beginning in November with hybrid liturgies on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and all other Sundays being Zoom only. She noted that concerns had been raised about whether PAX should move toward more hybrid liturgies which unlike Zoom can include Eucharist and in person gathering.

There was discussion about the “logistics” and technology setup of the Zoom and hybrid liturgies. The format differences of the two liturgies complicate the setup and create additional challenges for the mass planners and the tech support. There was some suggestion that the community consider designating as a new ministry a small group of members to help coordinate the more complicated logistics of the liturgies.

A question was raised about whether start times for Zoom and hybrid liturgies could be the same. The wide range of time zones from which our Zoom members participate influences the starting time. An earlier start creates problems for those participating from the West. At the same time a later start (i.e. 9:30) for in person hybrid liturgies creates a problem with the pack-up/clean-up of the St. Luke facility in the time frame allotted for PAX. There was some discussion about whether PAX should consider moving to some alternate site such as Blueberry Hill or the Chesterbrook retirement community, but others felt that PAX should remain at St. Luke.

Ann reported that NOVA holds hybrid liturgies every Sunday except for a Zoom only liturgy once a month. Charlie Hookey said that NOVA was experiencing in person attendance of about 30 people each Sunday in addition to those attending by video streaming. It was noted that NOVA’s starting time of 10:15 may help it in-person attendance.

Ann reported that the Steering Committee was continuing to work on the desire to make Eucharist available under both species. Charlie noted that the current schedule of Zoom and hybrid liturgies could be adjusted after several months depending on our experience.

## **Budget / finance discussion**

Carl Siebentritt led a discussion of the financial status of PAX. He reviewed in summary a report from the PAX Treasurers Judy and Mike Schaeffer and June Zhu. (A copy of the PAX Financial Report for the period of July 24 through August 31, 2022 is attached.)

Carl reported that the treasurers' financial report will be prepared every two months. A highlight of the current report is that the balance of funds available in the PAX accounts is higher than necessary, and that disbursements through the Social Needs Disbursement Committee should be made as soon as practicable. PAX expenses have been less than normal during the pandemic. The largest components of expense for the Community are rent and presider honoraria.

Carl indicated that the prior practice of providing regular periodic amounts to PAX Mission Groups or PAX Committees was difficult to administer. Going forward those groups and committees should make funding requests as needed through the Social Needs Disbursement Committee.

A question was raised about the disbursements to the Trumpauer Foundation (erroneously identified as the "Trumpeter Fund" in the financial report). That Foundation was identified as an educational foundation doing work with underserved communities. The disbursement was misidentified as an administrative expense, and that designation will be corrected.

A question was raised about whether PAX pays an honorarium to its "outreach" presidors. Mike Messenger indicated that outreach presidors from outside of the PAX Community were paid an honorarium, and that those from within the Community were not. Myrtle Corrales indicated that she did not want to receive an honorarium for presiding. Charlie suggested that outreach presidors from within the Community could designate a charitable organization to which PAX could contribute on their behalf. Ann said the Steering Committee would consider the suggestion.

Carl said that the Steering Committee will develop a budget. He thanked the Treasurers for their work.

## **Synod on Synodality update**

Stephanie Niedringhaus presented an update on the PAX report to the Vatican synod. She reported that the PAX synod report was received by Sister Nathalie Becquart, Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod. She thanked PAX members for their input and said that nearly 100% of PAX

members participated in discussions resulting in our report. Stephanie observed that the PAX report was very much in sync with the reports from other communities around the world. She noted that many bishops were surprised by what they heard from the laity during the synod process. Stephanie reported that the Synod has been extended for two more years including gatherings of bishops in October 2023 and October 2024.

Paula Hillery raised a question about whether the PAX Synod Report should be published in the public section of the PAX website. The report is currently available in the members only section of the website. Paula noted that Fr. Ted Keating has encouraged PAX to publish its report. It was suggested that the Steering Committee consider this issue and follow-up with the Community.

## **Thanksgiving plans**

Ann noted that Marie Dennis has once again volunteered to spearhead the collection of turkeys for Martha's Table. Turkeys may be dropped off with Marie on November 18 from 10:00 A.M. until noon at the St. Luke parking lot.

Ann raised a question about whether PAX would participate in OXFAM in some fashion this Thanksgiving. Patty McGrath and Sylvia Diss volunteered to coordinate the OXFAM participation this year. Ann volunteered to help.

## **Community Concerns**

Charlie reported that he and Shane MacCarthy had lunch with Fr. Vince Cushing last week. Charlie noted that Fr. Vince is one of our Community's greatest "cheerleaders". He said that Fr. Vince was concerned about the loss of Eucharist with Zoom liturgies, and expressed a fear that without Eucharist, PAX would turn into a prayer group instead of a Eucharistic community.

Amanda Messenger raised a question about why PAX could not hold a general meeting in person with a Zoom connection to those who are unable to attend in person. Stephanie pointed out that it would be important to accommodate those members who are out of town or otherwise physically unable to attend.

A list of meeting attendees is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

**PAX General Meeting Agenda  
October 23, 2022**

**Prayer - Katy**

- 1. Liturgy survey findings and planning discussion (Ann)**
- 2. Budget / finance discussion (Carl, treasurers)**
- 3. Synod on Synodality update (Stephanie)**
- 4. Thanksgiving plans (Ann)**
- 5. Community Concerns**

**PAX Balance Sheet**

**Reporting period 6-24-2022 to 8-31-2022**

Prior balance 6-24-2022      \$ 50,942.17  
Available balance 8-31-2022      \$46,002.50

Note: there are \$7,686.97 in uncashed checks

**INCOME (this month)**

**General Fund Donations**

7-1 to 8-31-22                      \$6,416.61  
6-24 to 6-30-22                      \$     312.54

**DISBURSEMENTS (this month)**

**General Fund**

**MISC**

Presider honorarium	\$	3,000.00	(\$250/service)
Rent	\$	2,000.00	(\$250/service)
Other Operational Expenses			
Supplies	\$	-	
Website	\$	-	
Transportation	\$	-	
Trumpeter Fund	\$	200.00	
State Corp Commission	\$	-	
Martha's Table	\$	-	
Printing	\$	-	
Zoom	\$	157.00	
Advertising	\$	-	
Oxfam	\$	-	
Sound Equipment	\$	876.89	

**Committees and Msn Groups**

Folk Group	\$	-	\$1,950/year, see note
Social Needs Disb. Com.	\$	10,100.00	
Care for Creation Comm.	\$	-	(\$750/year)
We Hear Your Voice Comm.	\$	-	(\$750/year)
Education Committee	\$	-	(\$750/year)
Childrens' Rel. Ed. Comm.	\$	-	(\$750/year)
Youth Rel. Ed. Comm.	\$	-	(\$750/year)

**Specific Program**

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People In Need (PIN)	\$ 950.00	PIN	\$ 1,000.00
Food for Others	\$975.00	Food for Others	\$ 942.27
Benjamin Fund	\$ 1,000.00	Benjamin Fund	\$ 1,100.00 (\$275/mo.)
Reenie Fund	\$ 1,000.00	Reenie Fund	\$ 1,400.00 (\$500/mo.)
Syria Fund	\$ 900.00	Syria Fund	\$ 1,194.00
Joe Nangle Birthday Fund	\$ 2,788.51	Joe Nangle Birthday Gift to Pax Christi	\$ 5,000.00

#### **Other Income**

Interest	\$ 0.86
Cashback	\$ -

**TOTAL INCOME:** \$ **14,343.52**

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:** \$ **26,970.16**

#### **NOTES**

Trumpeter Fund, \$200, -- is this an expenditure by a Committee or Group? Directed by Steering Committee  
 Folk Group \$1,950/year includes \$250/qtr for mixing when necessary, and \$200 for licenses & \$750 misc/year;

**Detail on Social Needs Disbursements**

Kind Works Inc	\$ 1,000.00
Maryland Hunger Solutions	\$ 1,000.00
DC Hunger Solutions	\$ 1,000.00
On Our Own	\$ 1,000.00
Luther Jackson School PTA Food Pantry	\$ 550.00
Local Food Hub	\$ 1,000.00
Montgomery Housing Partnership	\$ 1,000.00
Columbia Baptist Church	\$550
Loudon Hunger Relief	\$ 1,000.00
SOME	\$ 1,000.00
Manna Community Food Rescue	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED IN AUG 2022</b>	<b>\$ 10,100.00</b>

**Detail on Current Balances in Specific Programs as of August 31, 2022**

	People In Need (PIN)	\$ 2,505.00
	Food for Others	\$ 1,857.73
below	Benjamin Fund	\$ 1,350.00
	Reenie Fund	\$ 600.00
	Syria Fund	\$ 5,265.00

ATTENDEES  
PAX General Meeting (ZOOM)  
Sunday, October 23, 2022

Amalia Iglesias  
Barbara Holtz  
Caridad Inda  
Carl Siebentritt  
Charles Hookey  
Chris Johnston  
Diana Keenan  
Katy DuGarm  
Leslie Evers  
Maria Teresa Kooij  
Marian Klymkowsky  
Marita Crotteau  
Mary Blissard  
Mary Linda Sara  
Mary Lou Melley  
Myrtle Corrales  
Nellie Ohr  
Nikolai Rudenko  
Pat Levins  
Patrick Hyland  
Patty McGrath  
Rhonda Freeman  
Vince Cushing  
Amanda & Mike Messinger  
Ann & Steve Brown  
Anne & Rob Kifer  
Claire Cifaloglio & Rob Abbot  
Ellie & Dale Chambers  
Judy & Mike Schaeffer  
June Zhu & Tao Shen  
Lois & Bob Merrill  
Patty & Doug Spaulding, Mike Spaulding  
Paula Hillery & Ron Novak  
Sally & Al Galiani  
Sarah & Dan Mulholland  
Stephanie Niedringhaus, Eric Niedringhaus