

Minutes for PAX Steering Committee, May 10, 2024

The meeting opened with a prayer at 10:05am Eastern.

Through the education committee, PAX has made a regular donation for 6 years to the Trumpauer Fund. Mary Blissard has been in communication with Stephanie Niedringhaus of the education committee. They have discussed the possibility of someone from the Trumpauer Fund speaking at a PAX program later this year, perhaps a reflection on how things have changed, or not, in the 4 years since George Floyd was killed.

A capital campaign for St. Luke's Serbian Orthodox church has been discussed. We had postponed plans until May. Doug Spaulding contacted Al Galiani and Mafalda French who agreed to be co-chairs. We envision this to be some announcements at Mass and some emails to PAX-L with a deadline of 4 to 6 weeks. The steering committee may supplement community donations with a contribution from PAX' general fund. Fr. John from the Serbian Orthodox Church will be outreach presider at the PAX liturgy on July 21. We talked about presenting the donation at that time.

Doug sent the nominations procedure after our last steering committee meeting. May is the month to recruit nominating committee members. Katy will make an announcement at Mass about the nominations committee.

Digitizing PAX archives is an ongoing concern. We agreed that given the cost of digitizing and the large amount on material to be scanned, the focus should be on documents such as steering committee minutes, minutes of community meetings, and procedures for administering the community. Doug will ask Patty Spaulding (archivist) for an estimate of linear feet. Mike brought up the need to create keywords and to index the scanned documents.

The PAX steering committee was made aware of a situation with the NoVa community in that Fr. Joe can no longer be a presider for them according to the diocese of Arlington because NoVa worships in a non-church space. We discussed inviting the NoVa community to join PAX once a quarter for a hybrid liturgy when Fr. Joe is presider. Mary will ask Joe if this is suitable.

Bob Merrill reported to Doug that the McLean Area Clergy Association responded positively about PAX possibly joining. Pastor Gibson will bring a PAX member to the next meeting on the third Sunday in June (June 16). Mike and Bob will join Pastor Gibson at the June meeting.

Mike presented the two-month fiscal report for March-April 2024. He explained that the lower contributions on this report is the normal cycle of contributions from spring into summer. There were no questions.

Submitted by Katherine DuGarm