

Minutes of the PAX Steering Committee Meeting **Of July 15, 2024**

The meeting opened with a prayer at 1:45. All Steering Committee members were present by Zoom.

The SC discussed the current status of a potential donation to St. Luke to reflect appreciation for the warm, long standing relationship between PAX and St. Luke. The SC has proposed to solicit financial contributions from PAX members that will be aggregated in a financial contribution to St. Luke to be used as St. Luke sees fit. The SC recognized that certain members of PAX had expressed objections to the proposal, and that the solicitation of funds was put on hold until further discussion and discernment by the Community. The SC decided to hold a General Meeting of the Community by Zoom on September 15 following the Zoom liturgy to discuss the gift to St. Luke and other PAX matters. The meeting will be conducted by Zoom.

Mary followed-up on a prior proposal that PAX members be encouraged to join other PAX members at their homes during a PAX Zoom liturgy to promote greater social interaction. The SC decided to suggest such gatherings for the September 15 Zoom liturgy.

Mary reported that NOVA had responded positively to PAX's invitation to celebrate with PAX at the August 25 Mass at which Fr. Joe Nangle would preside. NOVA has suggested that there be a period for discussion between our two communities following the Liturgy, and there will be a coffee/social gathering after the discussion period. Mary will coordinate with NOVA regarding these events.

The SC discussed a request by Joe Nangle for financial assistance for one of his relatives who is going through a difficult divorce. Doug agreed to follow-up with the PIN Cushion Fund regarding this request.

The SC would like to hold a coffee/social to say good bye to Tao Shen and June Zhu as they prepare to move to Denver. Doug will check with them to determine whether they would be available for a coffee following the PAX hybrid liturgy on August 11.

Mike Schaeffer will be the SC coordinator for August-October.

Mike reported on his attendance with Pastor Gibson at the recent meeting of the McLean Area Clergy Association. He described the group as being composed of a variety of different McLean area faith communities. Mike did not have a recommendation as to whether PAX should seek to join the organization, but he offered to attend a future meeting to get a better sense of the Association's work. He noted that there were no Catholic tradition clergy at the meeting.

Mike reviewed the financial report for the period of 5-1-24 to 6-30-24. He reported a decline in contributions for the summer months which is typical for PAX. Expenses for the period were about \$3400 greater than income.

The next SC meeting will be on Monday, August 12 at 1:30 P.M. Eastern. The meeting was concluded at 3:00 P.M.