

Notes from PAX General Meeting September 15, 2024

Katy DuGarm opened the meeting with the introduction of the agenda:

- moderated discussion on gifting to St Luke Orthodox Church
- Report from nominating committee and announcement of new Steering Committee members
- Discussion on further joint Nova/PAX opportunities
- Pursuit of new priests
- Draft of policy for personal statements as PAX members
- Discussion of renewing/restarting the PAX Facebook page
- Bimonthly financial report

Megan Hookey introduced and lead the community discussion on the two pathways offered for giving to St Luke Orthodox Church, acknowledging their needs as well as those of the PAX community. These personal contributions are voluntary and may be earmarked for landscaping of St Luke grounds or personal unrestricted donations for their discretion.

Katy reported the nominating committee's success and the agreement of Mary Linda Sara and Ron Novak to serve on the Steering Committee, replacing outgoing members Katy and Doug Spaulding. The installation will be in the later part of October.

Mary Blissard discussed the desire by members of Nova and PAX to continue addressing their communities' concerns. She asked if there are two or three PAX members who would be willing to connect on a zoom (or in person) roundtable to keep the discussions going forward.

Referencing the letter by Anne Kifer regarding the need for PAX to connect with new priests, Paula Hillery pointed out that this is an ongoing concern. She suggested that this may be addressed in the collaboration with the Nova community. There may be more availability when St Luke has completed it's construction, and the activity center is not as time limited as it is presently.

Doug Spaulding presented the draft proposal of the statement on signing a letter of position, attributed as a PAX member. The intent is to start considering it and he solicited any comments be directed to the Steering Committee.

Mafalda Marrocco has volunteered to restart/renew the PAX community Facebook page and she will reach out to Margaret Schwartz who had previously administered it. There were many comments regarding ideas and purpose of this type of outreach via social media. This seems to be an opportunity to present who PAX is and what is offered as an Intentional Eucharistic Community. Other social media platforms were discussed, but the first entry for now is Facebook.

Mike Schaeffer presented the bimonthly financial report from Jul1-Aug 31, 2024. The discussion pointed to the operating expenses as well as income, and earmarked funds that the treasurers maintain. In keeping with the SC guidance to our treasurers, 6 bimonthly reports and one annual report are created. The next annual report will cover Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024. The SC will pursue a method to make reports readily available to the community.