

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2015

West Room

Attendees: Father Joe Marina, S.J.; Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, Patricia Dahl, Phil Gutierrez, Bob Lepisko, Deborah Olley Murphy, David Pais

1. Prayer: Bob Lepisko

2. Pastor's Report

- Father Sean Toole, S.J. is about 10 days into his year at Xavier, and Father Marina has already been able to do more pastoral work because of Father Toole's presence. Father Toole will become more involved with the Mission, and specifically with the shelter.
- Xavier trustees Jim Martinez and Sandy Mattingly will be rotating off as trustees. Father Marina has two new trustees chosen (pending approval by Cardinal Dolan).
- Nick Grimaldi, who already worked on a five-year plan for Xavier, will be back in the fall for a "stewardship check-up," to assess where the parish is with his recommendations. Father Marina has requested that the Pastoral Council devote a portion of its October or November meeting to Nick's reporting of his findings. Members of the Finance Council will also be invited.
- The Peace & Justice Committee is delighted with the installation of two new water fountains with stations for refilling water bottles. There will be a second round of "Take Back the Tap" this fall/winter.
- Father Marina reminded the Pastoral Council of four key initiatives this year: the Church's Jubilee Year of Mercy, Xavier's environmental focus, the upcoming October synod of the family, and Ignatian spirituality. Progress is being made on all fronts.
- Father Marina and the Pastoral Council discussed issues with the new fire alarm; Father Marina will speak to the vendor first to see about possible adjustments to prevent false alarms.
- Father Marina has been inundated with requests for the Pope's scheduled Mass at Madison Square Garden. While the Archdiocese plans to distribute tickets that are based on parishes' censuses, there will likely be discussions between Xavier and other parishes about best practices, making sure that tickets are distributed in the fairest manner possible.

3. Discernment and Selection of Parish Council Chair

- After a period of discernment, the Parish Council agreed that Jack Schmitt, the current Chair, should continue to serve in the position through July 2016, at which point discernment for the position will take place again.

4. Review of Pastoral Council Priorities

- The Pastoral Council will bring a renewed focus to its four main priorities for this year: Ignatian spirituality, ambassadorship, Jesuit collaboration, and liturgical ministries.
- To effect this, subcommittees were formed to determine goals and next steps; this will be discussed in more detail at the next Pastoral Council meeting.
- As part of this discussion, the Pastoral Council set a date for the fall coffee hour: Sunday, September 27 after the 11:30 Mass. The Council will host the event and reach out to new parishioners prior to that date.

5. Feedback on *Owning Our Faith* screening

- The reaction to the screening was uniformly positive, with members of Xavier's gay and lesbian ministries particularly pleased that the Pastoral Council clearly supported this effort.

6. Pastoral Council Schedule

- While the retreat is set for the weekend of January 29-31, 2016, the question of location is still undecided. The hope is that it will take place at the Loyola House of Retreats in Morristown, NJ.

7. Announcements & New Items

- Kathleen Cagnina reminded the group that the Magdalene service would take place the following evening: Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. in the main church.

8. Closing Prayer: Bob Lepisko