

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2016
West Room

Attendees: Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Kathleen Cagnina, Bob Lepisko, Deborah Olley Murphy, David Pais

Absent: Father Joe Marina, S.J, Stephen Alfieri, Patricia Dahl, Phil Gutierrez

1. Prayer: Kathleen Cagnina

2. Pastor's Report (presented by Jack Schmitt and Adel Regan in Father Marina's absence)

- The announcement about both Father Marina's and Father Peter's departure was in this past week's bulletin.
- Father Marina met with the architects to discuss installing railings in the sanctuary.
- Father Marina had a productive meeting with the women's ministry to discuss women's history month highlights in the weekly bulletin, as well as a presentation from Sister Mary Galeone and Sister Andrea Dixon, who spoke at Xavier on March 13.
- The proposal to make Xavier a site for the training of spiritual directors is nearly complete; once Father George Witt, S.J., executive director of The Jesuit Collaborative, and Father John Cecero, S.J., provincial of the Northeast Province, finalize the proposal, the site will begin operating ca. fall 2016.
- There will be a parish celebration to honor Father Marina and Father Peter and send them on their way with our heartfelt support on Saturday, May 21. A subcommittee to plan the event will be formed shortly.

3. Planning for Celebration of Service/Ministry Fair

- The subcommittee's planning is on track, with a caterer and DJ in place. The notification was in the bulletin this past weekend and will be in the weekly bulletins until the event takes place on Saturday, April 16.

5. Update on Ignatian Spirituality Initiatives

- The subcommittee is working with ISEL to pursue the possibility of scheduling guiding examens in the church; 2 p.m. on Sundays has proven to be a good time for events such as this. The subcommittee is continuing to pursue the possibility of developing guiding examens as podcasts.
- Once the subcommittee hears back from leadership at St. Ignatius in Baltimore, they will follow up on ways to collaborate/learn more about Ignatian spirituality at that parish.

6. Discussion of PC Liaisons with Parish Ministries

- Because we will have two pastoral council members rotating off and three new members joining, we will re-form subcommittees that will work with each of the ministries to support them and help them with any issues.

7. Transition Planning Committee

- A committee to assist with the smooth transition of leadership within our parish will be formed; it will likely consist of trustees, pastoral council members, finance council members, and staff.
- Initial plans include ensuring that the new pastor will get all the documents he will need to help in his transition, including the document that was written for the Making All Things New initiative.
- Father Robert VerEecke, S.J. will begin as pastor at Xavier after Labor Day, and there will be no interim pastor. Father Sean Toole will continue to work at Xavier, and he will be joined by Father Kevin Spinale, S.J. in June.

8. Announcements and New Items

- Pastoral council member, David Pais, has worked with both the Gay Catholics ministry and the Catholic Lesbians ministry to arrange for Carl Siciliano, founder of the Ali Forney Center, to speak at Xavier on Thursday, June 9. Details to come.

9. Closing Prayer: Kathleen Cagnina