

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2016
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. Opening Prayer: Phil Gutierrez
2. Pastor's Report
 - The funeral for Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., held at St. Francis Xavier, was a historic moment for our parish. Father Berrigan's family was very grateful for the celebration of his life, and Xavier staff worked very hard to make the entire wake and funeral go smoothly.
 - Our soon-to-be pastor, Father Robert VerEecke spent the weekend of May 7-9 at Xavier, speaking at each Mass and attending the Gathering of Ministries event.
 - Father Marina's last day in the office will be Thursday, June 30.
 - L-STEP graduation is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, May 18.
 - Father Marina and the Pastoral Council discussed a proposed bulletin insert: a series of quotes from Xavier parishioners about what June's Pride March has meant and continues to mean to them.
3. Feedback on the Gathering of Ministries
 - The Pastoral Council will follow up on various suggestions made by ministry leaders during their presentations on Monday, May 9.
4. Update on Planning for Celebration of Father Marina and Father Peter
 - The party will be on Saturday, May 21, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Hurtado Hall. The planning committee discussed last-minute requirements and requested additional help from the council for party set-up.
5. PC Selection Process

- As indicated in prior minutes, the Pastoral Council selection process for three new members will take place on the first two Mondays of June; the Pastoral Council discussed possible names for discernment.
- Pastoral Council members will address the congregation at all Masses this coming weekend, May 21-22.

6. Chair/Vice Chair Reflection on Their Experience of the Year

- After discussion, the Pastoral Council agreed to stick to its original timeline for discerning for the positions of chair and vice chair. Thus, the Chair will be selected in July, while the Vice Chair will be selected at the PC retreat at the end of September. This will give new PC members an opportunity to be a part of the process.
- The current Chair, Jack Schmitt, reviewed his year with the Pastoral Council in preparation for selection of the Chair in July.

7. Update on Ignatian Spirituality Initiatives

- The subcommittee is testing out the possibility of recording exams on YouTube for a wider audience.
- Per Father Marina, the proposal to make Xavier the site and sponsor of a Formation Institute for Spiritual Directors is currently with Father George Witt, S.J., executive director of The Jesuit Collaborative. Once the proposal is passed along to the provincial's office, Xavier should be hearing about whether it will be supported.

8. Announcements and New Items

- Adel O'Regan mentioned that on Sunday, June 12, the women's ministry (It Was the Women Who Stayed) will meet to discuss its vision for the church. All are welcome to attend, with a special invitation for anyone from the Pastoral Council.
- On Thursday, June 9, Carl Siciliano will speak about LGBT homeless youth and show a documentary film on the topic. This former member of a Catholic Worker house is also the founder of the Ali Forney Center. All are welcome.

9. Closing Prayer: Phil Gutierrez