

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2015

West Room

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

1. Prayer: Stephen Alfieri

2. Pastor's Report

- Making All Things New: Final decisions are being made. In April, affected parishes will be able to make an appeal; hope to have a final list of decisions by August 2015.
- In preparation for the October 2015 Synod, SFX has formed an ad hoc committee that will compile results of a listening process (outline provided by the American Catholic Conference and Future Church). Some ministries are scheduled to meet in the upcoming weeks; there will also be two meetings for the parish at large (Sunday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 25). The deadline for the survey is Tuesday, March 31.
- Parish staff is stable; visiting priest, Marc Roselli, S.J., has been very helpful and will be at SFX until June. At that time, Sean Toole, S.J., will succeed him. Sean is passionately interested in social justice and has an undergraduate degree in urban planning in addition to graduate degrees in philosophy and theology.
- The next parish coffee hour will be held on Sunday, April 19 in the Mary Chapel. It will be hosted by the Gay Catholic ministry; the hope is to have at least one in the fall and spring each year.
- Overall, SFX's financial picture is stable. The parish is ahead of budget at this time and the finance council will issue a quarterly report at the end of April with more details.
- The parish has been visited by a representative of the Northeast Province. Ed Quinnan, S.J., came in advance of the provincial, John Cecero, S.J., and met with parish leaders and staff to discuss SFX. John then met with Fr. Marina and Jack Schmitt.
- Leaders of the LGBT ministry met with Father Marina to discuss the possibility of hosting Sister Jeanine Gramick at SFX. Because of a Vatican restriction placed upon her, Sister Gramick will not be able to be with us but it was decided that SFX will assist in finding an alternative venue for a June presentation by Sister Gramick; possibly the LGBT Center or GMHC.
- SFX is planning a raffle with proceeds to be split between the parish and Xavier Mission. The goal is to name the Men's Shelter for the late Ned Coughlin, S.J.
- No news on the papal visit.
- The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who have volunteered at Xavier Mission and been a central part of the parish, will soon be moving to an assisted living facility in the Bronx. The parish will plan a gathering for them sometime prior to June to honor them and thank them for their service.

- Members of ISEL have approached Father Joe to discuss the possibility of SFX as a training center for Ignatian spiritual directors. These ISEL members are working on a proposal, and initial response to this idea has been quite positive.

3. Pastoral Council Retreat

- The Pastoral Council briefly reviewed the results of the retreat. It has updated salient portions of the *Guidelines for Leadership*, specifically relating to the election of new members and the election of both a chair and vice chair.
- The Council reiterated its four main priorities for 2015-16: Ignatian Spirituality, Ambassadors for SFX, Jesuit Collaborations, and Liturgical Ministries. Each of the priorities has a point person, and specific goals will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

4. Ministry Groups Reports

- To date, all of SFX's ministries have been contacted, with meetings either having taken place or scheduled to take place. Pastoral Council members will attend meetings to discuss core values, leadership, and other issues as the need arises. Ongoing communication is key between the ministries and the Pastoral Council.

5. Announcements and New Items

- Ed Quinnan, S.J. of the Northeast Province has been invited to attend a Pastoral Council meeting to report on his and the Provincial's visit.
- Jack Schmitt, chair of the Pastoral Council, will attend the Finance Council meeting in May, and Jim Martinez, the chair of the Finance Council, will attend the Pastoral Council meeting in June.

6. Summary and Review

- After an earlier discussion on the possibility of reviving tours of SFX as a means to welcome new parishioners and generate good will, the council also spoke about the feasibility of combining a tour with the upcoming coffee hour. Jackie Perez and Kathleen Cagnina will coordinate.
- A group of Pastoral Council members will also call new parishioners (those who have joined SFX since the fall) to welcome them to the parish.