

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Jesuit Residence

Attendees: Father Bob VerEecke, S.J.; Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair), Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina, Karen DeMasi, Patrick Egan, Michelle Jung, John Karle, Charles Mileski, and Debbi Olley Murphy

1. Opening Prayer: Charlie Mileski
2. Pastor's Report
 - In an alliance with the New Sanctuary Coalition, Xavier is providing space in Hurtado Hall on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm to provide fellowship and help for Immigrants and Refugees. All are welcome to come together to provide fellowship, friendship, and increase solidarity with those in need of help .
 - The first Xavier Outings, a new gay social group, will take place on November 27th to see the play *The Chalice*, about growing up gay and Catholic. Those interested in participating should contact Father Bob or Father Dan.
 - In his recent meeting with the Archdiocese, Father Bob met with a representative about the Renew and Rebuild program. Our parish is in Block 4 and will be assessed a three-year average of the offertory with 74% to our Parish and the balance to the Archdiocese.
 - The Winston Prep lease renewal expected any day now.
 - The annual meeting of the Trustees and the Cardinal took place and our financial statement was signed off on.
 - The financial needs of Xavier were highlighted at the Masses over two Sundays by Father Bob and Mike Shannabrook from our Finance Council. A 5% increase was asked of those who currently contribute. Right now, 100 people give 50% of the offertory.
 - Mission Sunday successfully raised \$5,000 for the Xavier Mission, with Cassandra Agredo speaking at all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to contribute and/or volunteer for the Xavier Mission, especially when they need help downstairs for the Welcome Table.
 - Father Bob held a recent Advent planning meeting with positive results from attendees.
 - The Communications Committee will have the results of recent survey in the bulletin of November 19, 2017.
3. Review of Pastoral Council Retreat

- The overall feedback was that the retreat was a successful one. In the future, more time will be allotted for personal prayer and reflection.

4. Planning for Hospitality Workshop
 - Bob Choiniere will speak at our December meeting about a hospitality workshop that will make up a big part of our February 3, 2018 retreat with ministries and staff.
 - A save the date to be sent for February 3rd along with topics to be addressed that day.
5. Planning for November 19 Celebration of Service
 - The event will be in Keenan Commons following the 5 p.m. Mass, with announcements at all Masses leading up to the event.
6. Report on Promotion of Ministries
 - Adel O'Regan will be sending out a follow up email to all Ministries.
 - Bible Study Group will present at all Masses the weekend of 11/18 & 11/19
7. Report on Social Justice Program
 - The Social Justice Study Group concludes its eight-week session on Wednesday, November 15th. It has been well received with good attendance. Many excellent speakers have presented on important topics, and it has dovetailed nicely with recent speaking sessions that Ed Poliandro and Catherine Wolfe chaired in Spring, 2017.
 - The study group has fostered provocative thinking, witness & action, and re-orienting those with differing viewpoints towards unifying over good, common goals.
8. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Service
 - All PC members will attend the special service on December 12, followed by our regularly scheduled monthly meeting.
9. Planning for February Gathering of Staff, Ministries, Leaders, and PC
 - A subcommittee was formed; we hope to have three major goals by the end of the session. As mentioned above, a portion of the day will be devoted to a hospitality workshop.
10. Update on Spiritual Direction Program
 - Currently, there are 11 participants.
 - Advisory board will be seeking additional funding and looking to generate revenue. Currently, funding comes from the Jesuit

Northeast Province. Ultimately, the goal is that the program will become self-sustaining.

- The next program to start in January 2019.

11. New Business

- Kathleen suggested looking at those who may have discerned for Pastoral Council previously and making up a list of those and others (in the spirit of *Everyone Leads*) to call upon for various projects.
- Father Dan is exploring a gathering of groups of young Catholics, Jews, and Muslims to meet in fellowship. Kathleen made a recent contact with Sharon Salzburg who speaks on Buddhism at the Rubin Museum. She will follow up on that for possible dialogue with Sharon.

12. Closing Prayer: Charlie Mileski