Church of St. Francis Xavier
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.
West Room & Via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance: Catherine Wolfe, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Fr. Ken Boller, Karen DeMasi, Belinda Conway, Patrick Egan, John Karle, Kristen Beckles, Michelle Jung, Cara Caponi, Joel Dabu

1. Opening Prayer – Belinda Conway

2. Welcome to New Members and Welcome Back for All

3. Pastor’s Report
   • Renovations—Hurtado Hall bathrooms, elevator upgrade, roofing/pointing on Winston Prep all underway.
   • Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration—2 sessions completed—one orientation, one conversation on priorities. Exploring options/costs for Hurtado Hall space re-use.
   • Young Adults and Youth Ministries—first meeting Sun 9/12, following 2 organizational sessions over summer for YA ministry with staff members Bob Choiniere and Zach Presutti.
   • COVID Update – Ministries finding their way to restarting meetings both in-person and hybrid, including family faith, RCIA, and senior groups. In person attendance expected to improve with time.
   • Office Manager Damely Tineo will be leaving SFX at end of fiscal year. Search underway to hire replacement.
   • Discussion of Pastor’s role in addressing disruptions at Mass, balancing needs of welcoming all with ensuring all feel safe and cared for.

4. Pastoral Council Matters
   • Discussion of upcoming Pastoral Council Retreat, New Members’ Orientation, and logistics for future PC meetings.

5. Project Updates
   • SFX Art Project
     - Artwork of saints and holy people by Patricia Brintle continues to be created and refined according to parishioner input.
     - Artwork will be on display at Masses with parishioners encouraged to provide feedback.
   • Racial Justice Pledge update
     - Based upon the sense from our Town Hall in July that the Pledge might evolve to (1) be less rote; (2) be inclusive of the perspectives of parishioners of color; and (3) be matched with appropriate action, a small committee of parishioners is meeting to consider revising the Pledge and its role.
   • Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP)
- Continued efforts to connect with our sister parishes in the project are underway.

- **SFX Oral History Project**
  - A producer has been identified for the project, which will interview longtime parishioners and record these conversations in a podcast-like format.

- **Deliver Us Podcast discussion series**
  - Hoping to re-launch the series in person if pandemic circumstances permit.

6. **Potential New Initiatives for Consideration**: each discussed briefly for members to consider as we head into our retreat.
   - Generations and Change @ Xavier—ministry leadership transition
   - Sustaining Joy in a Pandemic
   - Examining Xavier’s role as a prophetic voice during time of increased polarization.
   - Laudato Si’ Seven-Year Action Plan
   - Xavier High School 175th Anniversary

7. Check in/Review with Our New Members

8. Closing Prayer – Belinda