

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.
West Room and Zoom

In Attendance: Ken Boller, Kristen Beckles, Belinda Conway, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Pat Egan, Joel Dabu, Karen DeMasi, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, John Karle

1. Pastor's Report

- Renovations –
Bathrooms (Hurtado)- restarting renos this week, estimating 5-6 weeks to complete with the new crew. Materials on order and scheduled to arrive during work.
Elementary School- Sealing up the job at the elementary school to resume in June after the school year ends.
Elevator- chair lifts to be installed at 15th street entrance assessed to see if they impeded emergency access. Waiting for a firm timeline from the vendor for work to begin.
- Staff updates- Interviewing finalists for the Business manager position tomorrow.
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration
Getting proposals for renovations to discuss.
- Young Adults and Youth Ministries- 11 Young Adults attended Zach's gathering. Youth ministry, Pablo connecting with youth to regroup after school holiday.
- Virtual Sunday Mass Zoom Group- Bob C. announced that it would be wrapping up. About 5-6 people have continued to participate. Interest in continuing has been expressed but one of the members would need to host/facilitate it and no one has volunteered yet.
- West Room meeting electronics
Owl device borrowed from the school. They aren't being used by the school now and are available. Improves sound and visual experience for meetings. The devices may be available for use in other locations at Xavier; just need to coordinate use and set up in advance.

2. Pastoral Council Matters

- 2021 Pastoral Council Retreat. Reflection and report on evaluations- Agreed that the porch space and weather was ideal.
- New Members' Orientation, if there is still interest: Pat, John, Karen
Pat will set something up in the next couple of weeks. Share questions and wish you would have known for the session.

3. Project Updates

- SFX Art Project
Cantor announcements continue, presider explanations are helpful.
Feedback from community members- amid lots of positive feedback, a few parishioners have expressed a sense of loss and a concern that new artwork politicizes an otherwise neutral space. Input is continuing to be sought and PC members are holding conversations with those expressing concerns.

Proposal to advertise the efforts of the Art Project further: As suggested by an Art Committee member, we plan a weekend announcement to explain and hang reproduced paintings in the niches for people to see. All Saints weekend makes most sense. PC members who are on the Art Committee will make announcements using a script. Add artwork to a slide to display on the livestream mass. Think of social media postings to highlight the saint of the week with artist's permission, credit, watermarking. We'll coordinate this plan with the Art Committee.

The Art Committee has solicited input from the parish on the project on multiple occasions over the last year; a list of these efforts will be developed to share with parishioners as appropriate.

- Racial Justice Pledge
Next step: discuss the evolution of Pledge with Racial Justice Ministry members, we hope in the coming weeks.
- Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP)
We continue to explore ongoing connections with our sister parishes in this effort.
- SFX Oral History Project
Recording sessions with several longtime parishioners are scheduled in October.
- Deliver Us
Belinda will reach out to Sam about the timing of regrouping to relaunch for Lent. With Ricardo expected to return in the coming months we will wait to start a discussion with Sam/America about using other podcasts/content as a launching point for discussion groups and ministry activities with other focuses/topic.
- Healing Prayer Ministry
Fr. Ken spoke in support of parishioner Phil Waldrop's proposal for a Healing Prayer Ministry, which would recruit and train "pray-ers" to pray for healing for others at their request on Sundays between Masses. He envisions starting in Lent and is reaching out to staff and ministry leaders on coordinating efforts.

4. Priorities for the Upcoming Year

Discussed committees, work groups and project leads for various tasks and ongoing ministry support activities.