

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.
West Room and Zoom

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

1. Pastor's Report

- Renovations- Bathrooms underway; Chairlifts pending delivery and elevator repairs pending lift installation
- Security concerns-
 - As result of recent security breaches, additional security protocols and equipment have been and will be installed.
 - Closed the church outside of mass times during the week, open all day with security on Sundays
 - Can currently enter through 15th Street daily and access the church
- Sunday mass attendance is about half of pre-pandemic
- Staff updates- New Parish Business Manager starting and beginning training.
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration
 - Obtaining architect's proposal/cost analysis for space use alternatives in Hurtado Hall.
 - Increasing charitable budget for this year.
- Young Adults and Youth Ministries
 - Youth Ministry- proposed reserved seating in front of the church at 11:30, involved as liturgical ministers
 - Young Adults- Mapping next steps
- Virtual Sunday Mass Zoom Group
 - Started self-hosting, sustained without staff support

2. Continued Discussion: Priorities for the Upcoming Year

- Will use the New Member Orientation meeting to discuss more and make a map of concrete steps, will report back at the next PC Meeting. Topics discussed included virtual evangelization; Xavier as a Eucharistic community; and Catholic Social Teaching
- 2023 Synod
 - Guides online for communities to prepare, led by diocese, timeline extended until August 2022
 - Look at the documents to see if there is anything for us to engage on:
 - What is the mission of the church today?
 - Committee formed to look at the documents and start a conversation about how to engage

3. Project Updates

- New Members' Orientation- scheduled via zoom in November
- SFX Art Project- Saint of the week is engaging parishioner interest, suggestion to add PC announcement to the website, next step- Meeting December 6th
- Racial Justice Pledge

- Draft of pledge revision prayerfully developed and shared with the Racial Justice Book Ministry and SFX Art Project committee for more feedback
- Parish Town Hall scheduled to share the draft with the community
- Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP)
 - Communication and meeting planning has resumed
- SFX Oral History Project
 - Recording completed, editing underway
- Deliver Us
 - Starting conversation about how to resume. Also starting discussion about more/ongoing partnership with America Media on other church topics.
- Healing Prayer Ministry
 - Making invitations and building/training a team to participate in ministry
- Laudato Si' Seven-Year Action Plan- Environmental Justice Ministry has recommended things that we can do for consideration; Pat and Ken to discuss next steps, including involving wider parish community

4. Annual Census, Dec. 4 & 5

- Planning to return to paper survey after lower participation in digital survey last year, planning for executing survey and annual parish registration drive underway