

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.

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

1. Pastor's Report

- Renovations- Hurtado Hall bathrooms nearing completion, elevators- permit pending
- Security- portable bathrooms have been added for Welcome Table guests on Sundays on both 15th and 16th Streets
- Attendance/donations- attendance is up and donations down
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration- Jan 12 meeting scheduled, conversation with architect and stakeholders on Jan 13 re: Hurtado Hall. The Mission got a grant to renovate the kitchen.
- Young Adults and Youth Ministries- Coordination continues. Planning to intentionally engage in the Synod process and Ladato Si efforts

2. Project Updates

- SFX Art Project – Meeting last Monday to determine placement of saints in the space. Planning on installation of all saints in the summer. Consulted with framer on frames that would protect them. Will have 3 more colorized samples at the beginning of the year, ongoing communication and education to the community. Plans continue for booklet and prayer cards.
- Racial Justice Pledge – Committee meeting on Friday to discuss the possible changes. Roll out planning to begin/bigger group meeting to plan larger education. Announce what was done and why, then lead the parish in it. Plan to roll it out MLK weekend, PC to approve at that January PC meeting, then add the pledge to printed materials, coordination with Liturgical ministry needed.
- Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP) – Relaunched under new convener, meeting of all 3 parishes. Plans to repeat the Racial Justice Examen in Lent, push for canonization of black sainthood candidates. Have the examen scheduled once in each of the 3 parishes.
- SFX Oral History Project – Recordings completed and launch plan underway, proposal for a podcast channel where these can live and be available ongoing. Timing between January and Lent. Each is about 20 minutes, audio only.
- Deliver Us & Collaboration with America Media – Planning to reach out to the group of participants to do a wrap up session from the original series. More partnership could be possible with America if SFX takes the lead. Next step to email the group to gauge interest in a final meeting.
- Healing Prayer Ministry – Team assembled, preparing a budget for supplies, planning to launch in Lent.
- Laudato Si' Action Plan – Expand the groups interested and participating. Convene the school, parish and mission to discuss the use of the physical spaces and action

that can be implemented.

- New Members' Orientation – Meeting completed
- Census – Happened live and also received about 150 online. Report of the data will be available at the Ministry Retreat.

3. Evangelization and Sustaining Parish Life

- Welcome back mailing to parishioners – Welcome home mailing inviting people to come back, address protocols for safety, encourage people to return and express concerns/prayers for the parish community members. Not asking for anything, offering. Possible timing to align with the 2 year anniversary for closing (March 15th). Subcommittee: Cara, Joel, Karen, John, Ken. Check in with Communications committee
- The meaning of Eucharist – Different understandings and experiences to the way that they understand communion. Story Corp-like booth to collect reflections. Audio recordings that could be posted to social media/saved to the podcast channel. Engage the Lay Spirits ministry. Subgroup: Kristen, Catherine, Joel Possible timing: Corpus Christi Sunday in June
- Communications – Honor people's contributions by being thoughtful and planful in the sharing of things that are created. Sharing it so that people can find it at the right time. Mindful of tempo and pacing of pushing out content.
- @sfxaviernyc Advent Calendar – The Advent Instagram posts have increased the engagement and followers to our account.
- Synod and Synodality – Waiting for direction from the Archdiocese on process and deliverables. Will use the Ministry Retreat to discuss.
- Ministry of Joy – committee is Belinda, Karen, John, Michelle, Pat.

4. On the horizon:

- Ministries Retreat, Sat. Feb. 5
 - committee is Belinda, Catherine, John, Pat
 - Send a save the date to ministries
- PC discernment info sessions begin in Jan/Feb
 - committee is Andrea, Cara, Kristen, Pat
 - 2 PC spots will be available