

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 • 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

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

Pastor's Report

- Renovations-finishing touches on Hurtado bathrooms this week, chairlifts to be delivered within the next week, installation about a week, then beginning elevator installation planning. Finished the work on pews and floors in December.
- Security- no change
- Attendance/donations -Family Faith back in person, 11:30 returning to normal attendance returning to normal. Collection had decreased proportional to the attendance decreases.
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration -Met mid-month to discuss/brainstorm more renovations for Hurtado Hall with all stakeholders. Waiting for resulting proposal and cost estimates.
- Other updates- Invited to submit a 7-8 minute video to mark the anniversary of canonization Francis Xavier, scripted testimony and music, pictures of ministries Feb 15th deadline

Ministries Retreat debrief

- Thank yous- Appreciation for all the parishioner and staff participation in meeting. Appreciation to the PC members that worked to plan and execute the retreat
- What worked: Value of Zoom breakouts that put people who don't know each other into groups. Keep name tags, introductions and random group assignments.
- What needs work: Need more reminders or attention to carry through accessibility norms from all presenters. More structure for the small group conversations about future plans. Zoom management is complicated by attendees who didn't register.
- Next steps: Xavier's Participation in the Global Synod-
 - March 6 parish wide, March 13 livestream parish, advertise parish-wide. Drop-in Zooms, sponsored by a ministry, Family Faith and Racial Justice ministries to sponsor sessions- dates/times TBD, invitation to other ministries to host a session via email.
 - Ministries to have sessions within ministry
 - Need roster of Zoom techs, note takers, facilitators- reach out ministries to request volunteers. Get list of trainees.
 - Eventbrite for sessions (set attendance limit based on # of facilitators), website special location
 - Reach out to CARP for interest
 - Introduction presentation
 - Google form for notes
 - Need marketing:
 - the archdiocese provided flyers that could be a place to start,
 - what we're listening for in listening sessions (moving forward together as a church),
 - Pope has requested to hear from the global church,

- Reflection that is outward looking -opening the doors to invite people in
 - Need delegation to participate in the Deanery organized sessions
 - Next steps: Parish priorities
 - Next steps: Laudato Si' Action Platform- synthesizing the themes that emerged from all of the notes that we collected. Document will then be circulated to the ministries to lead into prioritizing and feedback on those themes.
 - Put out a call to the entire parish to join a committee that would focus on this project.
 - Put together a framework to work through
 - Environment weekend- different themed table that may draw different people to participate in different ways (plastics, sustainable food, carbon emissions, etc)
 - Look at existing resources
 - Thematic goals for each year, what's the 7 year arc
 - Metrics, setting a baseline and measuring progress (energy audit, waste audit)
- Launch committee Earth Day weekend, April 22nd

Racial Justice Pledge introduction

- Bulletin announcement, announcement from the ambo at masses. Pledge is in the program for congregation to read along.

PC Discernment

- First Zoom info session: Thurs, Feb 10, 7 pm
- Meeting next week to discuss the possible adjustments to the process
- Testimonies from PC members to be included in the advertising in the bulletins.

Project Updates (only as necessary)

- SFX Art Project – Patricia's work is being exhibited at the Sheen Center. Patricia speaking at event March 3rd 6-7:30, pitch for a news spot on the art project.
- SFX Oral History Project - Waiting for photos of participants, need to look for a service to host the podcasts
- Healing Prayer Ministry – First session beginning in Lent
- Census – Producing a report that will be available to any parishioner who wants it.
- The meaning of Eucharist – Planning started, looking at books and themes to think about how to approach it, post-Easter project
- Welcome back mailing to parishioners – Time to start thinking about it again. Invitation home for Lent and Easter, welcome back. Or for Pentecost. March 2nd Ash Wednesday Figure out the message and then figure out the method of dissemination
- Communications – Thinking of ways to build on the Advent take over of the Instagram
 - Social media- Ministries to provide updates to Nancy to post publicly, hasn't been getting updates
 - Peace & Justice ministry- in need of leadership, outreach to the email list or individuals to see if there is interest
 - Served as an effective incubator of related projects, could still do that for ideas or interests
- Ministry of Joy –Block party in May? September?

New business

- Stations of the Cross- organizing ministries to host each session
- SFX 2021 Annual Report is on the website. Stephanie and Communications committee created it.

- AIDS memorial being moved from St. Veronica to SFX for a long term home. Need to figure out how to set it up and combine it with our shrine at the boy's altar. Lots of logistics to work out.