

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 12, 2022 6:30pm in the West Room and Zoom

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

Pastor's Report-

- Gratitude for past months- art installation/dedication, Juneteenth, Pride, sacraments has meant for a busy and celebratory couple of months. Signed up for Sacred Sites open house. Getting QR codes to provide access to information for tours about the restoration and art.
- Renovations & accommodations- Work on elevator should be completed Friday, followed by electrician work and flooring installation. Z Management company (contractor from the Arch) took over. Work on the school roof getting started. Now predicted to take 6 months instead of 3 months which will spread it over an additional school year.
- Attendance and donations –attendance down as typically happens in the summer and after Family Faith ends, donations slightly off predicted budget
- Staff Updates- Associate Pastor Fr. Jim Miracky starts on Friday, he will along with other staff absorb Bob Choiniere's former responsibilities.
- HIV/AIDS Shrine- carpenter created design, ran it by folks. Carpenter is working on it as a side project. Probably to be received in August/September. Likely to hold a couple of services in collaboration with people from St. Veronica and SFX. Proposal to do something for World AIDS Day in December seems well timed.
- Liturgies update- all Masses July 23 & 24 will have women preaching. 2 speakers, confirmed. Ignatian Day- July 31; commemorates end of Ignatian Year, Fr. Ken to preside at the 11:30.
- Security cameras starting to come in. Once all are installed, they will allow for keeping the doors open to the sanctuary during the day. People will be admitted through buzzers. Connected to an app for monitoring remotely.

PC Discernment-

Cara Caponi will be stepping down from the PC early in her term due to work moving her away from the City. After a process of dialogue and discernment, the Council decided to invite Todd Schmidt, who discerned during our sessions in May, to complete the remaining two years of Cara's term, which ends August 2024. He would then have the option to serve a full term (an additional three years). [*Note: Todd enthusiastically accepted the Council's invitation and will join the PC in September 2022.*]

PC Retreat-

Planning committee formed, and theme ideas discussed.

Listening/witnessing/discerning as a community after *Dobbs* decision-

Council members shared what they have been hearing from parishioners about the Supreme Court's recent ruling overturning *Roe v Wade* and prayerfully considered how our parish community might provide opportunities for discussion, discernment, and ministry regarding the abortion issue. A subcommittee of Council members was formed to consider ways forward.

PC Chair for 2022-2023-

By consensus, Pat Egan was asked to continue to serve as PC Chair again for coming year and accepted.

Farewell and thank you to departing members-

Recognition and gratitude were offered to PC members John Karle and Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, who are rotating off the Council after completing two three-year terms of service.

Recognition and gratitude—and best wishes for her exciting career move—were also offered to Cara Caponi after her year of service on the PC.