

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 10, 2022 6:30pm in the West Room and Zoom

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

Pastor's Report

- Renovations and accommodations- Elevator shut down and repairs to begin this week. Work will go on for about 6 weeks.
- Art- framer started today, installation June 9th
- Attendance and donations – weekly attendance continues to increase, reflected in the collections as well
- Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration- BJP and Mission charitable donations made. 5 other beneficiaries and projects. Will set up a communal process for discerning giving going forward (looking at the process used by Holy Trinity Decatur, GA as a model).
- Provincial visit to the parish this week. Speaking with Pat and staff
- Staff updates- Xavier is being assigned a full-time associate pastor, beginning in July. An official announcement naming the Jesuit who will fill the position is expected from the Province soon.
- Bob Choniere leaving Xavier to pursue opportunities in Europe. Looking at moving responsibilities around between new associate and new staff.
- Laudato Si' Action Platform- Have registered officially to participate. Marketing after masses with slide show, followed by meeting in Mary Chapel. Expand into 2-3 ad hoc groups.
- HIV/AIDS Shrine- Sacred Space created a concept for what it may look like and be married to the existing altar/alcove. Pencil drawings of other parishes (Sts Veronica, Vincents) to tie into the remembrance of their roles. Dedication when it is ready.
- Ignatian Parish for Justice- zoom summit on parishes with active faith/justice work, sharing experiences, how tos, best practices.
- East coast planning process for the Apostolates- Bronx/Manhattan region, Catherine to participate for SFX

Xavier's Participation in the Church Global Synod

- Report to be reviewed and approved as the PC. Final reads by tomorrow. Next steps release it to the Arch, then to the Parish

PC Discernment-

- 4 candidates identified as discerning, may have additional people come forward.
- Polling tool tested
- Selecting using google forms, link in the chat

Parish priorities and planning calendar-

- June 12th Art Installation celebration -after 5pm and 11:30. Patricia available for gathering in Mary Chapel
- Juneteenth at 11:30 on Sun 6/11
- Mourning for Ukraine- Memorial Day weekend, to remember during masses. Special collection for relief last weekend in May.
- On the horizon: Begin to consider Mary Magdalene activities in July

Project Updates

- SFX Art Project and Installation Celebration – June 9th installation, celebrations weekend of 11th and 12th Prayer cards shaped like book marks.
- Healing Prayer Ministry – up and running
- Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP) – update in bulletin regarding promotion of African Americans in the sainthood process
- From Age to Age – committee putting together release schedule
- Deliver Us & Collaboration with America Media – Message to the group went out. Think about how to address and recognize this issue in the Church going forward. Synod conversations raised this issue and there may be some energy.
- Census – Combine release with the Synod report.
- Living and Loving the Eucharist – two sessions planned in June
- Communications – “Welcome home” mailing went out; Communications Committee continues to consider ways to enhance Xavier’s evangelization through social media and other channels.

Parish Calendar

- A discussion was held about establishing a process to make the online parish calendar better reflective of upcoming parish events. Cara Caponi to lead up initiative to consider best practices.

Sustaining community and joy as COVID recedes

- Ministry of Joy –
 - Fall carnival to be discussed at the next meeting
- June coffee hour
- June 12th Saint portraits
- June 19th (maybe reception)
- Pride weekend- Canceling the Sunday 5pm.