

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 13, 2022 6:30pm in the West Room

Attendance: Susan Faggiani, Todd Schmidt, Alan Ahles, Karen DeMasi, Pat Egan, Belinda Conway, Ken Boller, Joel Dabu, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Michelle Jung

- 1) New member welcome- First meeting for three new members
- 2) Pastor's Report-
 - Renovations & accommodations- Elevator ready for inspection, requesting scheduling with DOB. Work on the school roof finished, next summer pointing will start. Scaffolding will stay up.
 - Smaller interior projects needed next, i.e. bathroom, flooring, carpet, painting
 - Attendance and donations –attendance on the way back up to previous attendance, overall donations are fine
 - Pastoral Council/Finance Council Collaboration- identified donations distributed, discussions about space, reviewed architects plans with partners, need to consider cost sharing agreement with the HS. Also need to maintain budget for future maintenance needs, i.e. pointing and roofing of the church completed 20 years ago, lighting 10 years, computer systems outdated and obsolete. Parish involvement for philanthropy in the coming year as expressed in the bulletin.
 - Staff Updates- Associate Pastor Fr. Jim Miracky started in July, to join the October meeting with the PC, Bob Choiniere's former responsibilities being reassigned to multiple staff people. Discussion of communications role ongoing.
 - HIV/AIDS Shrine- Carpenter has created it and may be installed by Saturday evening, 9.17, Sanctuary lamp to be added later, still at St. Veronicas. Would like to add pencil sketches of the St. Vincent's Hospital and St. Veronica's Church. Blessing at 11:30 mass. Proposal to do collaborative (between SFX ministries and St. Veronica) installment celebration in conjunction with World AIDS Day in December.
 - Dec 3 feast of SFX 5pm mass turned over to HS as part of their end of the 175th anniversary year event they are hosting
- 3) PC Retreat- ride arrangements, planned activity summary
- 4) Synodality at Xavier- meeting next week of volunteer steering committee. Input will inform discussions at the PC retreat
- 5) Listening/witnessing/discerning as a community after *Dobbs* decision- Group of Xavier women have gathered to discuss why they stay and what that experience is like. Next meeting the weekend of the retreat, will continue to listen to the needs of this group.
- 6) Ministries Update- Will be doing email outreach to all known ministry leaders to request updates about their current status, activities and leadership. Will use a Google form to collect responses. Will seek to have responses by the November PC meeting.
- 7) Communications at Xavier- PC committee to meet about big picture, zoomed out planning for communications. Will eventually start to involve others in the community in planning discussions, especially parish staff and the parish communications committee.

8) Project updates:

- Art project- Interest and evangelization continues. Receiving outreach from other parts of the country and other churches to find out how we've done what we did, other churches wanting to use the images, etc. Reconvening the committee later in the fall to start the next phase.
- CARP- next event is a panel on racism and trauma in November. Meeting every 2 months.
- From Age to Age- Podcasts released to the parish, project set up to be ongoing and interviews will continue to be collected and added to the page.
- Laudato Si Action Plan- 7-year plan, committee with participation from all organizations that use the Xavier facilities. Completing a detailed questionnaire. Looking for another PC member to join this group
- Healing Prayer Ministry- PC Member liaison requested. PC member Todd Schmidt agreed to be the liaison.
- Brunch Ministry- proposal for new ministry idea by Bill Lyons and others, support from the PC provided to start with planning occasional events to build community, connection and joy

9) Nov 8th reschedule PC Meeting to Nov 1 at 6:30

10) New PC member orientation- October 18th 7:30