

Church of St. Francis Xavier

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 6:30pm in the West Room & Zoom

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

Pastor's Report

- Elevator up & running since 10/16 weekend. Removal of chair lifts still TBD.
- Attendance & Donations
 - An official census taken for the Catholic Directory on the 10/16 weekend, indicates overall Mass attendance being down about 50% from pre-COVID pandemic levels, particularly at the Sun 5pm. We are hearing similar observations from other parishes.
 - Overall collections/donations are stable this past year, supplemented by a robust Sacramental Ministry (weddings & funerals)

Project Updates

- Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) - meetings planned w/ other ministries
- Catholic Anti Racism Project (CARP) - next event, "Racism & Trauma" on 11/10 at Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Community Center & on Zoom
- Immigration Emergency Response
 - Explored volunteering w/ Catholic Charities, following up for future volunteering opportunities given the changing needs.
 - Potential request for use of Hurtado Hall for classes/training. Coordinating w/ XHS on availability & times that could be offered.
- SFX Art Project - group meeting mid-month to discuss next phase
- Young Adult Ministry - discussions focusing on "The Loneliness of Youth"
- Brunch Ministry - exploring "trial run" brunch event (space & date TBD)
- Hospitality Minister Training - Luz Marina Díaz to coordinate future session

Priorities & volunteers for the coming year

- Solidified committees, work groups, project leads for various tasks & ongoing ministry support activities.

Upcoming Events

- PC Wine & Cheese - Sun 11/13 after 5pm Mass
- SFX 175th Birthday Celebrations - Sat 12/3 & Sun 12/4 (all weekend liturgies)
- Parish Census - Sat 12/10 & Sun 12/11 (all weekend liturgies)
- Celebration of Service - Sun 1/8/23 after 5pm Mass next door in Keenan Commons
- Santo Niño Celebration - weekend of Jan 14-15, 2023, details TBD