Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

January 9, 2024

ATTENDEES: Fr. Ken Boller, Christina Amendolia, Alan Ahles, Kristen Beckles, Belinda Conway, Joel Dabu, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Larry Ruth, Todd Schmidt

EXCUSED: John Lucas

SECRETARY: Susan Faggiani

AGENDA

1. PASTOR’S REPORT
   - 15th Street Lighting:
     o Improvements in the lighting at the 15th Street entrance have been discussed with representatives of Xavier Mission and XHS and agreement has been reached about new lighting
     o The community refrigerator will need to be moved for access to electrical wiring, to be coordinated with XHS Facilities staff
     o Great turnaround time on a solution to this matter
   - 17th Street project: final payments requested; project being finalized
   - Vatican approval of blessing of same-sex relationships
     o Meeting with Fr. Boller, Fr. Feely, Fr. daSilva and representatives from Gay Catholics, Lesbians, and X Outings to discuss new guidance from Vatican and set expectations
     o Blessing of couples in informal settings such as the West Room or parlor and not in sacred spaces OK
     o Ongoing assessment
   - Christmas activities, including Lessons and Carols, were beautiful and well attended

2. SFX as Synodal Parish
   - Eucharistic Revival Steering Committee:
     o Presentation by Rita Ferrone on 1/7/24 well received
     o Fr. Jim Miracky coordinating additional lectures
     o Mass class to be included in Eucharistic Revival schedule of activities
   - Brunch Ministry: next brunch postponed until April because of conflict with Ministry Retreat in February
3. **Celebration of Service 1/7/24**
   - Went well and well received
   - Attendance not as expected, perhaps due to inclement weather
   - Consider holding during another month next year

4. **Ministry Retreat 2/10/24**
   - Planning Committee to meet 1/11/24
   - Synod Committee collaborating with PC and working on the agenda
     - Spiritual Conversations
     - How to be a more synodal parish
     - Communicating with parishioners
   - Ministry leaders to invite ministry members
   - Support staff invited to attend

5. **Volunteers**
   - Volunteers for next PC-sponsored coffee hour 1/14/24 obtained
   - Volunteers for 3/24/24 wine and cheese obtained
   - PC-sponsored coffee on Pentecost Sunday TBD

6. **Potential Initiatives**
   - **Bereavement:** Announcement to appear in bulletin in January
   - **Immigration:** Volunteers to work on initiatives and meeting to be convened

7. **Project Updates**
   - **Ability and Inclusion:**
     - 3rd group of hymns submitted for conversion to braille
   - **Age to Age**
     - Season 2 planned
     - Susan Faggiani to join group
   - **Ministries Master List**
     - Master list completed with input from ministry leaders
     - Meeting 1/16/24 with Stephanie and MaryLennox to review and update bulletin

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   - **50/50 Raffle**
     - Proposed by parishioner and will be considered for special events such as Brunch Ministry

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** at 8:00 PM

10. **NEXT MEETING:** February 13, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room