



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:**
 - 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
 - The community refrigerator will need to be moved for access to electrical wiring, to be coordinated with XHS Facilities staff
 - 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**
 - 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
 - Blessing of couples in informal settings such as the West Room or parlor and not in sacred spaces OK
 - Ongoing assessment
- **Christmas** activities, including Lessons and Carols, were beautiful and well attended

2. SFX as Synodal Parish

- **Eucharistic Revival Steering Committee:**
 - Presentation by Rita Ferrone on 1/7/24 well received
 - Fr. Jim Miracky coordinating additional lectures
 - 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