



Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

February 13, 2024

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

EXCUSED: Joel Dabu

SECRETARY: Susan Faggiani

AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER:

- The opening prayer was led by Susan Faggiani.

2. PASTOR'S REPORT

a. Lenten Preparation: Pope Francis' theme: "Journeying Together." Includes:

- Masses, prayer services, and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday
- ISEL Retreat program
- Stations of the Cross every week with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to the Stations
- Women homilists invited to offer reflections on the 5 weekends in Lent, to be rotated among the weekend masses

b. Pastoral Council/Finance Committee

- Membership being reorganized
- Donations have been made to Xavier Mission, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, Jesuit Relief Services, and the Mercy Center
- Parish will be invited to make suggestions about how to use resources for future donations

3. SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES

- Eucharistic Revival** Steering Committee will meet again on February 20, 2024
- Planned lectures and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** continue as scheduled
- A **parish retreat** is planned for April 13th with Fr. Bryan Massingale
- Mass Class** will be held each month in the Xavier High School chapel. The first mass class had 13 attendees and was well received.
- Enhanced advertising of mass class will be addressed
- The next **Brunch Ministry** will be held on April 21, 2024. An organizing committee has been assembled and an organization guide has been prepared.

4. MINISTRY RETREAT FEBRUARY 10, 2024

- Positive feedback about focused synodal discussions
- Good collaboration between the Synod Committee and PC in preparing the agenda
- Note takers are submitting summaries to the Synod Committee for review and preparation of the final synod report, with assistance and input from the PC.
- Synod Committee to meet next week; will discuss next steps
- Good representation from various ministries, though some key ministry leaders were missing due to scheduling conflicts. This will be addressed in planning next year's retreat.
- Good participation from the Family Faith ministry
- Improved food accommodations will be addressed next year
- Parish staff were very supportive in the preparation for the retreat and are invited to participate as part of the SFX community.

5. DISCERNMENT PROCESS

- PC members volunteered to serve on Discernment Committee
- Bulletin announcement Feb 17-18th; Ambo announcements March 23-24th
- Info session **Monday**, April 8, 2024 at 7PM **via Zoom**
- PC Discernment #1 **Sunday**, April 21, 2024 at 7PM **via Zoom**
- PC Discernment #2 **Sunday**, May 5, 2024 at 7PM **via Zoom**
- Introduction of new PC member on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:30 mass

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- PC Wine and Cheese, **Sunday**, March 24, 2024 after 5PM mass
- PC Coffee, **Sunday**, May 19, 2024 after 11:30 mass

7. POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

- a. **Bereavement:** Two parishioners have expressed an interest in participating in a bereavement group. John Lucas will reach out to them to determine next steps.
- b. **Immigration:**
 - Two PC members volunteered to explore developing an Immigration Ministry
 - Catholic Charities provides a variety of services, including but not limited to Reception Center, legal services, and volunteer opportunities
 - If any parishioners indicate an interest in working with an immigration ministry, please notify the PC Chair

8. PROJECT UPDATES

- a. **Ability & Inclusion**
 - Braille hymn project progressing with ~80 hymns prepared in Braille
 - Hearing ability needs to be addressed next
 - Unconscious bias concerns raised by a parishioner. Fr. Ken, Fr. Jim, and Fr. Ricardo offering support
- b. **Ministry Master List:** completed and SFX email addresses assigned where requested. Bulletin to be updated with revised information.

- c. **Age-to-Age:** List of Season 2 parishioners to be interviewed has been finalized. Video recordings being explored.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Farewell Reception for Fr. Tom Feely:** to be planned for June, likely after an 11:30AM mass
- b. **Xavier Mission:** Gala scheduled for March 23, 2024; PC support requested
- c. **Jewish History Museum 16th St. Collaboration:** John Lucas will speak with the Interfaith Ministry leadership to determine if there are collaborative opportunities
- d. **Communal Celebration of Sacrament of the Sick:** raised by a parishioner; potential interest in such a celebration to be explored

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8PM

11. NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room