



Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

March 12, 2024

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

SECRETARY: Susan Faggiani

AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was led Andrea Foley-Murphy.
2. **PASTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. **Lighting Project**
 - Insurance Co required a consultation to assess damage to the lighting from storm last fall; awaiting consultant's report and estimate of repairs
 - Goal is to restore complete functionality and ensure use of LED fixtures
 - Will assess lighting in body of church to make improvements if deemed necessary
 - b. **Sound System:** to be addressed after lighting project completed
 - c. **Lenten Activities** Include:
 - ISEL Retreat program, with approximately 20 in-person participants and 30-40 on-line
 - Stations of the Cross every week with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to the Stations
 - RCIA candidates and catechumens finalizing preparations prior to Holy Week
 - d. **Pastoral Council/Finance Committee**
 - Membership being reorganized and will meet soon
 - Donations made to various charitable, not-for-profit organizations
 - Parish will be invited to make suggestions about how to use resources for future donations
3. **SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES**
 - a. **Eucharistic Revival**
 - Second mass class held 3/3/24 with excellent feedback
 - Planned lectures continue as scheduled
 - Parish retreat is planned for April 13th with Fr. Bryan Massingale

b. Brunch Ministry

- Next brunch planned for 4/21/24
- How To Guide created to facilitate planning
- New team leaders and volunteers recruited to assist with brunch
- Racial Justice Ministry requested partnering with Brunch Ministry to hold event after Juneteenth mass; still in planning stages

c. Synod Committee

- Working in collaboration with Pastoral Council to plan a Town Hall meeting, tentatively scheduled for 4/23/24
- Parish report to be prepared and submitted to Archdiocese after Town Hall meeting

4. MINISTRY RETREAT FEBRUARY 10, 2024

- Review of notes from retreat included several themes:
 - Ministries working in silos therefore more collaboration needed
 - Invite more participation, be more welcoming
 - Recruit more Young Adults to close generation gap
 - Flatten hierarchy
 - Set the table to greet, share, gather, and include
- Ministry Fair needed to recruit new membership to all ministries
 - PC members volunteered to work with fellow parishioners to develop the event. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin to solicit volunteers.
- Reaching out to Ministry Leadership encouraged, particularly through PC Liaisons
- Improved communication about ministry activity could be featured in the weekly bulletin
- Publish schedule of various church activities in advance to maximize planning and participation

5. DISCERNMENT PROCESS

- Kristen Beckles and Todd Schmidt are stepping down in July, so we need to recruit 2 new PC members
- Discernment Committee met to plan the process
- Ambo announcements planned and assigned
- Flyer/post card to be designed for distribution
- 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 members on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:30 mass followed by coffee and donuts in the Mary Chapel

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:** John Lucas will be meeting with one interested parishioner
- b. **Immigration:** meeting planned for early April after Easter

8. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Art Committee

- John Nava proofs circulated for review
- Measurements to be taken in early April
- Anticipated completion late summer/early fall with formal installation planned in the fall

b. Ability & Inclusion

- Braille hymn project progressing. Hospitality Ministers approached about helping to coordinate at each mass
- Hearing ability needs to be addressed next. Some issues identified with closed captioning during live stream masses, to be investigated further

c. Age-to-Age: exploring best venue to record interviews

d. Hospitality Ministers Recruitment: some success in recruiting new members at recent liturgical minister's coffee

e. Pledge/Prayers: Committee convening to discern the application of the Racial Justice Pledge and other possible prayers throughout the liturgical year

f. Ministry Master List: completed and will be distributed to the PC members

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Farewell Reception for Fr. Tom Feely** after mass on 6/9/24.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

11. **NEXT MEETING:** April 9, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room