Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

April 9, 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 John Lucas.

2. PASTOR’S REPORT
   a. Lenten Activities and Holy Week
      o Triduum services well attended, especially the 11:30 mass on Easter Sunday
      o Music Ministry was exceptional, as was the Pesame on Good Friday
      o Many visitors from out of NYC
   b. Lighting Project
      o New lighting at 15th Street entrance to be installed this week
      o Repairs to lights in church and lighting improvements in progress
      o Assessment of acoustics and possible improvements to be addressed when lighting projects completed
   c. Communal Anointing/Healing Liturgy
      o Proposed for twice/year after Saturday 12:05 mass or Sunday 11:30 mass
      o To be scheduled for fall or next spring
   d. Pastoral Council/Finance Committee
      o The parish’s charitable donations were listed in “From the Desk of the Pastor” section of the bulletin. Committee is seeking suggestions from the parish community for future donations
      o Christina Amendolia joining committee

3. SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES
   a. Eucharistic Revival
      o Fr. Bruce Morrill presentation on 4/7/24 well received
      o Breaking of the Bread Imaginative prayer scheduled for 4/10/24
      o Parish retreat with Fr. Bryan Massingale scheduled for 4/13/24
      o Next mass class scheduled for 4/14/24 at 5PM
   b. Brunch Ministry
      o Next brunch planned for 4/21/24, “Brunch in Full Bloom”
      o New team leaders and volunteers recruited to assist with brunch
c. **Synod Committee**
   - Town Hall meeting scheduled for 4/16/24
   - Parish report to be prepared and submitted to Archdiocese, USCCB and the Vatican by the mid-May deadline
   - Compliments received from a parish in Sacramento, Ca on the synod report submitted last year

4. **DISCERNMENT PROCESS**
   - Info session held **Monday**, April 8, 2024 at 7PM via Zoom with 7 interested parishioners
   - PC Discernment #1 **Sunday**, April 21, 2024 at 7PM via Zoom
   - PC Discernment #2 **Sunday**, May 5, 2024 at 7PM via Zoom
   - Ambo announcements scheduled and assigned
   - Introduction of new PC members on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:30 mass followed by coffee and donuts in the Mary Chapel
   - Ministry leaders should be encouraged to ensure parishioners are registered
   - Guidelines for selection of PC members to be discussed in July

5. **POTENTIAL INITIATIVES**
   a. **Bereavement**:
      - One interested parishioner came forward and volunteered to help run a ministry
      - Demand for bereavement ministry to be assessed. John Lucas to prepare announcement for bulletin
   b. **Immigration**: group meeting this week
   c. **Ministries Fair**: planning to commence in May or June for fall fair

6. **PROJECT UPDATES**
   a. **Art Committee**
      - Platform erected in East narthex in preparation for measurement by John Nava next week; Alan Ahles to assist
      - Anticipated completion late summer/early fall with formal installation planned in the fall
      - Booklet to be prepared by Art Committee members
   b. **Ability & Inclusion**
      - Braille hymn project progressing.
      - Hospitality Ministers helping to coordinate at each mass
   c. **Age-to-Age**:
      - Season 2 recordings to begin in June at XHS Sound room
      - 8 interviews planned
   d. **Ministry Master List**:
      - Some teams are staffed parish programs; edits to be made
      - List to be converted into Google docs
      - Final list to be shared with Stephanie and MaryLennox
   e. **Pledge/Prayers**:
      - Racial Justice pledge to resume 4/20-21/24 weekend
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. **PC Visibility**
      o Larry and Susan suggested PC be more visible to parishioners at masses
      o Larry proposed Name Tag Sunday, where parishioners are invited to wear a name tag and get to know fellow members of our faith community
      o Larry to draft formal proposal for PC review
   b. **Racial Justice Group**
      o Parishioners involved with racial justice book group encouraged to continue to support various ministries in racial justice work
      o Andrea to reach out to leaders to determine other goals

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

9. **NEXT MEETING**: May 14, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room

**REMINDER**: Reception for Fr. Tom Feely 6/9/24 after the 11:30 mass.