



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**
 - Triduum services well attended, especially the 11:30 mass on Easter Sunday
 - Music Ministry was exceptional, as was the Pesame on Good Friday
 - Many visitors from out of NYC
 - b. **Lighting Project**
 - New lighting at 15th Street entrance to be installed this week
 - Repairs to lights in church and lighting improvements in progress
 - Assessment of acoustics and possible improvements to be addressed when lighting projects completed
 - c. **Communal Anointing/Healing Liturgy**
 - Proposed for twice/year after Saturday 12:05 mass or Sunday 11:30 mass
 - To be scheduled for fall or next spring
 - d. **Pastoral Council/Finance Committee**
 - 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
 - Christina Amendolia joining committee
3. **SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES**
 - a. **Eucharistic Revival**
 - Fr. Bruce Morrill presentation on 4/7/24 well received
 - Breaking of the Bread Imaginative prayer scheduled for 4/10/24
 - Parish retreat with Fr. Bryan Massingale scheduled for 4/13/24
 - Next mass class scheduled for 4/14/24 at 5PM
 - b. **Brunch Ministry**
 - Next brunch planned for 4/21/24, "Brunch in Full Bloom"
 - 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

- Larry and Susan suggested PC be more visible to parishioners at masses
- Larry proposed Name Tag Sunday, where parishioners are invited to wear a name tag and get to know fellow members of our faith community
- Larry to draft formal proposal for PC review

b. Racial Justice Group

- Parishioners involved with racial justice book group encouraged to continue to support various ministries in racial justice work
- 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.