



Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

May 14, 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 Larry Ruth.
2. **PASTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. **Pastoral Council/Finance Committee**
 - The combined PC/FC group met last week to determine charitable contributions for this year.
 - b. **Staffing**
 - Alex Zambito will assume responsibility for Youth Ministry, replacing Pablo Jimenez, who assumed a position in California.
 - Alex is experienced in teaching 5th and 6th graders and will be starting in September 2024.
 - Chia-Yang "CY" Kao, SJ will be ordained in June 2024 and will join the SFX staff to assist on a part-time basis with masses, baptisms, and weddings beginning in mid-July 2024.
3. **SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES**
 - a. **Eucharistic Revival**
 - The National Eucharistic Revival Initiative will conclude in July 2024.
 - The Eucharistic Revival Steering Committee will reconvene in June to assess the effectiveness of the various activities that took place at SFX this year and whether we should continue these efforts.
 - Fr. Bryan Massingale's retreat in April was very well received by participants.
 - Presentations focused on Eucharistic Revival will continue this fall.
 - b. **Brunch Ministry**
 - The brunch held on 4/21/24 was very successful with 111 registrants and 94 attendees.
 - Post brunch debrief revealed opportunities to improve the registration process.
 - Brunch events for next year to be scheduled.

c. Synod Committee

- Town Hall meeting held 4/16/24.
- Parish report prepared and submitted to Archdiocese, USCCB and the Vatican.
- Copy of the report to be forwarded to Fr. Jim Martin and PC members.
- Bulletin announcement about the synod report to be prepared for the bulletin.
- Recent articles in NCR and the Gothamist were discussed.

4. DISCERNMENT PROCESS

- Two discernments sessions were held on 4/21/24 and 5/5/24 with 49 and 39 participants respectively.
- The 3 new PC members will be introduced on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the 11:30 mass followed by coffee and donuts.
- Guidelines for selection of PC members to be discussed in July.

5. POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

a. Bereavement:

- Meeting held with Joe Torre at Epiphany RC Church to discuss their 6-week program offering support and encouragement.
- Three groups held so far, based on Archdiocesan program.
- Meeting with interested SFX parishioner to be held on 5/19/24 to discuss feasibility of starting a program at SFX or alternatively, referring interested parishioners to Epiphany.

b. Immigration:

- Meeting held and resources discussed.
- Meeting with Roxanne De La Torre to be scheduled to determine how we can be helpful.

c. Ministries Fair:

- Need to reach out to ministry leaders to determine what they want/need.
- Date and space for the fair to be scheduled in the fall.

6. RETREAT PLANNING

- a. Alan, Christina, John, and Susan volunteered to join the retreat planning committee with Belinda.
- b. Jogues Retreat House has been confirmed.
- c. Synodal process will be a key part of retreat discussions.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Art Committee

- Final files have been sent to weavers.
- Committee drafting booklet.
- Formal installation and reception to be scheduled.

b. Ability & Inclusion

- Braille hymn project progressing.
- Hospitality Ministers helping to coordinate at each mass.
- Improved lighting at 15th Street entrance in progress.

c. Age-to-Age:

- Season 2 recordings to begin in June at XHS Sound room
- 8 interviews planned

d. Pledge/Prayers:

- The Racial Justice pledge distinguishes SFX in supporting racial justice concerns.
- An explanation of the pledge will be included in the bulletin soon.
- No other seasonal prayers are planned at this time but may be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

8. FOLLOW-UP

a. PC Visibility

- Larry to resume plans for Name Tag Sunday.
- Supplies to be ordered.

b. Racial Justice Group

- Meeting held with Racial Justice Book Group leaders to discuss their role with other ministries.
- Discussion of goals to continue.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. CARP:

- Initiative being revived.
- Meeting at SFX with representatives from St. Charles Borromeo planned for 6/2/24.

b. PRIDE Trolley

- LGBTQ+ ministries interested in renting a trolley for PRIDE parade to enhance inclusion and accessibility.
- Fr. Boller has requested information about number of parishioners that can be accommodated and who will assume liability.
- More information to be provided before final decision made.

c. Standing vs Kneeling during mass:

- Discussed at recent mass classes and Luz Diaz Marina presentation on movement during liturgy.
- Suggestion made to include explanation in the bulletin.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS: Reception for Fr. Tom Feely 6/9/24 after the 11:30 mass.

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

12. NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room. NO MEETING IN JUNE.