



Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

July 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:** led by Todd Schmidt.
2. **PASTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. **Church Projects**
 - Work is being conducted on the air conditioning (AC) system. Parts have been purchased, a temporary repair has been completed, and a permanent repair will be scheduled, estimated to take 1 week, as weather permits.
 - An electrician will be hired to install lighting improvements to the 15th Street entrance.
 - The fencing in the front of the church has been repaired and painted.
 - The exterior doors need to be refinished.
 - b. **Staffing**
 - Fr. Jim Miracky will be leaving SFX to become the Vice President of Mission and Ministries at St. Peter's University in Jersey City, NJ, likely in mid to late August.
 - A senior Jesuit with past experience in pastoral care has been identified and will be assigned to SFX; awaiting faculties from the Archdiocese.
 - Fr. Chia-Yang "CY" Kao will join the SFX staff on a part-time basis in mid-July 2024 and will assist with masses, baptisms, and weddings.
3. **SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES**
 - a. **Eucharistic Revival**
 - The Eucharistic Revival Steering Committee met in June to assess the effectiveness of the various activities that took place at SFX this year.
 - Presentations focused on Eucharistic Revival will continue this fall.
 - Mass classes and a parish retreat were very well received this year and will likely continue in the future.
 - The National Eucharistic Revival Conference will be held later this month. Fr. Ricardo will be attending this meeting, as well as the Synod in October.

- The Pastoral Council will review the feedback from the Virtual Town Hall during its retreat in September. The feedback has included more activities around adult faith formation e.g. bible studies.

b. Virtual Town Hall

- As mentioned above, the feedback from the Virtual Town Hall meeting will be discussed by the PC Retreat Planning Committee.
- The synodal process will be a key part of retreat discussions.
- Efforts to recruit new people to participate in identified projects will be a focus.

4. REVIEW OF PASTORAL COUNCIL GUIDELINES

- PC guidelines were reviewed and discussed.
- Historical perspective needed to understand how the guidelines were established.
 - A former PC leader will be invited to give a brief presentation at a future PC meeting.
- Some language in the guidelines is arcane. Suggestion made to prepare a glossary of terms for better understanding. Small group will draft a glossary and also reorder the qualifications.
- Review of the guidelines will be an ongoing process. Any proposed changes will be processed through consultation with the parish community.

5. POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

- **Bereavement:**
 - No new updates, other than the bulletin announcement.
 - One parishioner expressed an interest in the project and was asked to reach out to John Lucas.
- **Immigration:**
 - Janet Paist has met with a JRS representative. Belinda will schedule a meeting with a small committee in September.
- **Ministries Fair:**
 - Tentative date: November 3rd
 - Andrea will email Ministries Retreat participants to host a meeting for planning the fair.
- **Registration Reconciliation**
 - Pastoral Council member will speak with Stephanie about merging Faith Direct and Parish Soft databases to determine how we can best go forward to reconcile the data.
 - Parishioners donating via Venmo need to be identified.
 - Definition of a registered parishioner is needed since no one ever “unregisters.”
 - Further review will be needed with Parish Staff.

6. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Art Committee

- Tapestries have arrived and John Nava will be at SFX the week of July 21st to install them.
- Stephanie will coordinate installation with the carpenter and XHS staff.

- Formal dedication scheduled for weekend of September 14-15th, with a reception to follow the Sunday 11:30 AM and 5:00PM masses.
- Brochure and guest list for dedication being prepared.

b. Ability & Inclusion

- Braille hymn project progressing.
- Column in bulletin to honor Disability Pride Month.

c. Age-to-Age:

- Recordings completed and editing to begin shortly.
- Photos needed and release date to be determined.

d. Name Tag Sunday:

- Supplies in place.
- Scheduled for weekends of September 14-15th and November 2-3rd.

7. **CALENDAR:** reviewed and discussed with PC members.

8. **SELECTION OF PC CHAIR:** Belinda Conway was unopposed and selected to continue as Chair.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- The outgoing members of the PC were congratulated and thanked for their service, including Joel Dabu, Kristen Beckles, and Todd Schmidt.

10. **CLOSING PRAYER:** led by Todd Schmidt.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

12. **NEXT MEETING:** September 10, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room.