



Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council

September 10, 2024

ATTENDEES: Fr. Ken Boller, Alan Ahles, Andrea Foley-Murphy, Belinda Conway, Christina Amendolia, Jacob Brumfield, Janet Paist, John Lucas, Larry Ruth, Yago Cuesta

SECRETARY: Susan Faggiani

AGENDA

1. **OPENING PRAYER:** led by Alan Ahles.
2. **WELCOME:** Fr. Ken and Belinda welcomed the new Pastoral Council members, Jacob Brumfield, Janet Paist, and Yago Cuesta.
3. **PASTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. **Church Projects**
 - The fencing in the front of the church has been repaired and restored; the outer wooden doors have also been restored, and the inner leather doors have been treated.
 - Electrical work continues with attention to the lighting of the Stations of the Cross and the flickering lights around the sanctuary.
 - Lighting improvements to the 15th Street entrance will be prioritized after the other lighting projects are completed.
 - New roof leaks have been identified at the school on 17th Street and will be repaired.
 - b. **Staffing**
 - Fr. Chia-Yang "CY" Kao joined the SFX staff in mid-July on a part-time basis. He will assist with masses, baptisms, and weddings.
 - Fr. Ben Hawley joined the SFX staff in mid-August as a Senior Jesuit. He has prior experience in pastoral care and will also assist with masses, baptisms, and weddings. He will be invited to a future PC meeting.
 - Alex Zambito has been hired to manage the Youth Ministry program. He has prior experience working with 5th and 6th graders in the Family Faith program and has planned activities to include religious instruction, service, and recreation on a rotating basis.

4. SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES

a. Eucharistic Revival

- The Eucharistic Revival Steering Committee continues to oversee various activities, including a presentation this fall by John Uehlein on the Eucharist and music.
- Mass classes and a parish retreat were very well received and will continue in the future as scheduling permits.

b. Synod Committee

- Chaired by Pat Egan.
- Synod will reconvene in Rome in October 2024.

5. PASTORAL COUNCIL (PC) RETREAT

- PC retreat to be held the weekend of 9/20/24-9/22/24.
- Focus will be on the work of the parish, the synod, and the synodal questions discussed at the Town Hall meeting in the spring 2024.
- The retreat will follow the format of conversations in the spirit.
- Primary focus will be to coalesce as a group in service to the parish.

6. POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

a. Caregivers:

- Seven parishioners met on 9/8/24 to discuss how to provide support and a respite for caregivers.
- Experiences shared with plan to formalize group.
- Dates for future meetings to be determined; bulletin announcement being prepared.

b. Immigration:

- Janet Paist has been investigating possible actions for engagement.
- Previous meetings held with JRS and Xavier Mission representatives.
- Other parishes contacted to learn about immigration ministry work, including activities such as sponsoring families or making pilgrimages to the border.
- Efforts will continue.

c. Registration Reconciliation

- Goal: to understand the various systems used to identify parishioners, establish standards of registration, and merge systems.
- Family Faith registrants will be asked to confirm registration in the parish when they register their children.
- Ongoing project.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

b. Art Committee

- Tapestries have been hung and will be formally dedicated the weekend of September 14-15th, with a reception to follow the Sunday 11:30 AM and 5:00PM masses.
- Brochure prepared and available to parishioners.

b. Ability & Inclusion

- Braille hymn project progressing.
- Working on an accessible explanation of the Art Project.

b. Age-to-Age:

- Recordings completed and editing underway.
- Release date to be determined.
- The availability of transcripts will be investigated.

b. Ministries Fair:

- Tentative date: November 3rd
- Ministries Retreat participants will be emailed this week to request participation.
- Ministries tables to be set up in various areas of the church.

b. Name Tag Sunday:

- Postponed until weekend of 9/28/24 and will be repeated the weekend of the Ministries Fair.
- Bulletin and cantor announcements being prepared.

b. PC Guidelines Glossary

- Since some language in the PC guidelines is arcane, a glossary of terms for better understanding will be prepared over the next few months.
- A guest speaker to discuss Communal Apostolic Discernment will be invited to attend a future PC meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Jesuit Conference of Canada and the USA (JCCU) Summit

- Fr. Ken and Belinda participated in this summit on August 21, 2024 for discussion of the state of Jesuit parish ministry.
- Approximately 60 participants from the US and Canada plan to meet twice annually.
- Emphasis on Ignatian spirituality and how Jesuit parishes are distinctive from diocesan parishes.

b. First Aid/CPR Training

- The Xavier Mission has expressed an interest in First Aid and CPR training. Will continue to investigate; SFX could potentially partner with the Mission in these trainings.
- The availability and location of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will also be investigated.

9. CLOSING PRAYER: led by Alan Ahles.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

11. NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2024, 6:30PM, SFX West Room.