



## **Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council (PC)**

**October 8, 2024**

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

**EXCUSED:** Janet Paist

**GUESTS:** Ben Hawley, SJ and Catherine O'Hagan-Wolfe

**SECRETARY:** Susan Faggiani

### **AGENDA**

1. **OPENING PRAYER:** led by Christina Amendolia.
2. **WELCOME:** Fr. Ben Hawley was welcomed to SFX by the Pastoral Council.
3. **PASTORAL COUNCIL GUIDELINES AND COMMUNAL APOSTALIC DISCERNMENT**  
Catherine O'Hagan-Wolfe, former PC Chair, was invited to the meeting to provide an historical perspective on the development of the PC guidelines.
  - Ignatian principles and tools guided the creation of the guidelines, which were drafted when Fr. Joseph Constantino was Pastor.
  - The guidelines are grounded in prayerful communication and are intended to be inclusive of all in the parish community.
  - The parish mission statement provides a foundation for the guidelines.
  - A review of the guidelines was conducted in response to questions from parishioners regarding the process for discernment and selection of PC members.
4. **PASTOR'S REPORT**
  - a. **Temporary Electrical Repairs** to the murals above the sanctuary have been completed while awaiting replacement parts.
  - b. **Air Conditioning** coils are scheduled to be replaced in mid to late October.
  - c. **Finance Committee** met recently and confirmed that the parish continues to maintain a substantial reserve, despite many recent repairs and improvements to the church.

## 5. PASTORAL COUNCIL RETREAT

- a. Evaluations of the PC retreat held over the weekend of 9/20/24-9/22/24 were discussed. Though the Jogues Retreat Center offers many positive amenities, other retreat centers will be investigated for next year's retreat. Belinda, Larry, and Susan will visit Sea Bright for an evaluation.
- b. The PC calendar was distributed and PC volunteers for upcoming coffee hours and wine and cheese hours were confirmed.
- c. A grid of PC Priorities for 2024-2025 was distributed and partially reviewed. (The PC priorities were derived from the feedback and proposals of the Virtual Town Hall.) The PC will continue to review this document for implementation of various initiatives.
- d. Suggestion made to continue the retreat through lunchtime on Sunday to allow additional time to work together. This will be considered by next year's retreat committee.

## 6. PROJECT UPDATES

- a. **Age-to-Age:** Release date in early 2025 with publicity planned prior to the release of Season 2.
- b. **Celebration of Service: November 17, 2024 at 6PM in Keenan Commons**
  - Caterer is confirmed, flyer is being prepared, raffle prizes have been ordered, and announcements will be made at the masses prior to the event.
  - The planning group will check with Moraima about decorations used last year.
- c. **Ministries Fair:**
  - Planning underway for November 3<sup>rd</sup> fair.
  - Ministries tables to be set up in various areas of the church, the Mary Chapel, and the West Room.
  - Working on developing a map to assist parishioners in visiting each ministry table.
  - A web form has been distributed to Ministry Leaders to collect key information about each ministry prior to the fair.
  - Fair to be conducted after the Sunday 11:30 mass but materials about each ministry to be prepared for distribution at other masses.
- d. **Name Tag Sunday:**
  - Very successful with some suggestions for improvements, including presider/cantor announcement, name tags that include preferred pronouns, and use of black magic markers for readability.
  - Larry to script the presider/cantor announcement.
  - Suggestion made to hold name tag events whenever other activities are planned, such as coffee hours.
- e. **PC Guidelines Glossary**
  - Belinda and Andrea reviewed the guidelines and identified 5 Ignatian terms that could use definition/clarification.
  - Yago was asked to provide an additional review of the guidelines prior to finalizing a glossary.

## 7. POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

- a. **Caregivers:** Second meeting will be held next week to kick off this new initiative.
- b. **Immigration:** Discussion was deferred until next month.
- c. **Registration Reconciliation:**
  - Goal is to understand the various systems used to identify parishioners, establish standards of registration, and determine if systems can be merged.
  - Stephanie has reconciled the registered parishioner list and this needs to be reviewed with the Faith Direct and Family Faith lists.
  - Fr. Ken reported that he recently signed 60 letters welcoming new parishioners.

## 8. SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES

- a. **Eucharistic Revival:** John Uehlein's presentation on the Eucharist and Music will be held 10/13/24.
- b. **Synod Committee:** Pat Egan, Chair, sent a communication to the Synod Committee and the people who participated in the Town Hall at the beginning of the Synod.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- Yago reported that there was a successful collaboration between the Environmental Ministry and the Gay Catholics for a prayer service on October 4, 2024.

**10. CLOSING PRAYER:** led by Christina Amendolia.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

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