



Church of St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council (PC)

December 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 Belinda Conway
2. **PASTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. **Fr. James Casciotti**, Assistant Provincial for Pastoral Ministries, visited SFX prior to the Provincial's visit that is planned in January. Fr. Casciotti is responsible for pastoral planning and assessing how parish communities are being served and resources are being deployed. He met with various parish leaders during his visit.
 - b. **The Archdiocese** is consolidating parishes, is selling the building where the administrative offices are located, and is transferring some of the archdiocesan ministries to individual parishes.
3. **PASTORAL COUNCIL PRIORITIES**
 - a. **Parish Communications:**
 - Prayers for sick and deceased parishioners will be published in the bulletin for 3 weeks, then names will be removed.
 - Several ministries are using What's App for intra-ministry communications.
 - The Communications Committee will meet in January to discuss improvements to the bulletin and website. Yago suggested reviewing the SFX privacy policy at that time.
 - "How to Host an Event" will be reviewed/revised.
 - b. **Affinity groups** based on age, zip code, alumni, etc. will be considered after census analysis.
 - c. **Livestream Community:** determination will be made if a formal group is needed based on review of live stream data.
 - d. **Welcome Cards** in pews: to be reviewed and revised by Jacob.

- e. **Review of PC Accomplishment List**, similar to an annual report, might be helpful to parishioner discernment about joining the PC. Testimonials from current PC members would also be helpful.

4. **SYNODAL PARISH UPDATES:**

- o **Fr. Jim Martin**, who attended the Synod meetings at the Vatican in 2023 and 2024, has asked to meet with parishioners at SFX to discuss the synod report and determine how we can build on the synodal work already in progress.
- o Fr. Martin will visit SFX on **January 26th at 1PM**. His visit will be live-streamed.
- o The **Synod Committee** is meeting on December 17th and will work closely with representatives of the Pastoral Council (PC) to plan the Ministry Retreat on February 8, 2025.

5. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- a. **Celebration of Service** was well attended and well received.

- b. **Caregivers:**

- o Met on Sunday, 12/9/24 with > 10 people in attendance.
- o Awaiting formal update after the meeting.

- c. **Migrant Ministry:**

- o A new migrant ministry is being organized. SFX will be participate in two visits to the border in January and February.
- o Bulletin announcements about the new ministry have been prepared.
- o A Zoom info session will be scheduled for 1/22/25.
- o Email address established: MigrantMinistry@sfxavier.org

- e. **Name Tag Sunday:**

- o New name that communicates intent such as “Getting To Know You,” “Each By Name,” or “Meet Your Neighbor Sunday” were discussed. Larry will consult with Fr. Ricardo about an appropriate name.
- o Event will include livestream, hearing and visually impaired communities.

- f. **Glossary Guidelines:** meeting scheduled for 2/24/25.

6. **PARISH CENSUS**

- o Conducted after all masses the weekend of December 8-9, 2024.
- o Daytime mass census will be conducted separately.
- o Larry volunteered to do the data entry from the census cards.
- o For discussion at the Ministry Retreat: what data points to capture, can the census be conducted electronically, perhaps with assistance from members of Family Faith.

7. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. PC Wine & Cheese Sat 5 pm. – 12/14/24
- b. Discernment Planning – Announcements begin 1/26/25.
- c. Ministries Retreat – 2/8/25.

8. INTRA PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- PC members discussed the most effective way to communicate without creating excessive emails and text messages.
- Jacob will set up a What's App for a PC trial.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Community Cupboard and Refrigerator** will be closing effective immediately due to a vermin issue. In addition, the group that was sponsoring this initiative with Xavier Mission is no longer participating in this effort. A bulletin announcement will be published next week.
- b. **LQBTQ Retreat**
 - The retreat was centered on hope and the individuals depicted in the SFX tapestries were used as models.
 - Intergenerational group of Catholic Lesbians was present.
 - A survey was sent to the Gay Catholics men's group to determine how to energize this ministry.
 - SFX Pride group meeting regularly to plan Pride celebrations for June 2025.

10. CLOSING PRAYER: led by Belinda Conway

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2025, 6:30PM, SFX West Room.