

St. Francis Xavier  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 10, 2021

**Members Present:** Fr. Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Chris Williams, Nancy Collette, Jim Ernspiker, Roy Greenwell, Joey Followay, Matthew O'Connor, Alexandra Rogers, Keith Meyer, Steve Tillman

**Members Absent:** Patricia Mattingly, Ed Scott

**Others Present:** Mitchell Elder

Meeting opened with prayer.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the June minutes. Chris Williams moved the minutes to be approved as written; Jim Ernspiker seconded; all in favor.

Mitchell Elder presented the council with an update on the construction of the new Parish Activity Center. The target date for the Grand Opening of the PAC is still March 3, 2022. The concrete slab is expected to be poured this coming Monday, August 16.

Work is expected to begin on renovations to the old church building in September and will be completed by December. A noteworthy update is that instead of an elevator inside the building, there will be a 42" x 60" lift to move people from one level of the building to another. This is more cost effective.

The Steering and Stewardship Committees have done a great deal of work assessing the necessities for inside the new PAC.

Lou Leppert asked if the handicap ramp for the front of the building is still part of the plan. Mitchell said the ramp has already been approved as an "alternate" part of the building plan and when funds are raised, it will be constructed.

Mitchell gave credit to Deacon Earl Baker for the hard work he has done, specifically on the data and access control, for the project.

Steve Tillman suggested asking new members to contribute to the Capital Campaign in a fundraising effort. Mitchell said we do send letters to new members, and the Stewardship Committee is working on a plan to appeal to parish members to continue contributing toward our new construction.

### **Pastor's Report**

Father Dale welcomed the new Parish Council members, as well as the new Chairmen of the Formation Committee and Worship Committee.

Children's Church will start back at the 9:00 and 11:00 Sunday masses this weekend.

A Coffee and Donut Fellowship will take place between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses this Sunday, August 15, in the Parish Hall lower level. COVID safety precautions will be taken.

Catechetical Weekend will be September 18-19. Father Dale will acknowledge and bless all catechists at those masses.

The annual St. Francis Xavier Golf Scramble will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 19.

Gary Montgomery will lead our Parish Mission November 7-9 at 7:00 pm.

The next Parish Staff Meeting is Thursday, August 26 at 1:00 pm. The September Parish Staff Meeting will be September 23 at 1:00 pm.

The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 6.

Father Dale's other upcoming work includes:

September 14 - He will host a Priest Support Group at 1:00 pm in the Rectory.

September 27 - Oct. 1 - He will be out of town for a desert experience.

October 8-16 - He will be in Hilton Head with Bishop Medley.

October 27-28 He will be in Ft. Wayne, IN.

October 31-Nov. 5 - He will participate in the Fall Retreat at St. Meinrad Monastery in Indiana.

The following staff birthdays are coming soon:

Darlene Fowler, Director of Religious Education, on August 9

Paula Silliman, Pastoral Associate, on September 8

Marda Weakley Bookkeeper, on October 2

Jennifer Sweeney, Administrative Assistant, on October 6

Bobby Grace, Director of Facilities, on October 8

### **Old Business**

Father Dale reported that every group who has asked to return to in-person meetings has been allowed to do so.

### **New Business**

Lou Leppert announced that we expect to have our Holiday Party this year on December 4 after the 5:00 mass.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration**

Chris Williams reported that we need more volunteers to serve on Hospitality and Safety Committees. Also, we are accepting AuctionFest donations now.

### **Formation**

Roy Grenwell reiterated that Children's Church will begin this weekend and that Catechetical Weekend will be September 18-19. Also, Bible Study will start September 13 and should be completed by the end of October.

### **Parish Life**

Nancy Collette reported that the Prayer Blanket Committee will be donating a quilt to the AuctionFest this year.

The Rosary Club is meeting in person again. They have donated 570 rosaries. In addition, they will be working with the 8th grade RE teachers to teach the 8th graders to make rosaries. The Rosary Club is putting rosaries in our prayer blankets and food baskets, and will be setting up a booth at the Women's Club Christmas Bazaar. They are also donating old rosaries to local nursing homes. They have also made monetary donations to Food for the Poor, Outreach Ministries, and the Appalachian Food Drive.

The Joy Club will be meeting in September.

The Women's Club has a Bunco scheduled for September 23 and the Christmas Bazaar is November 6.

The Outreach Ministry is working by phone call only. On Friday, August 6, St. Francis Xavier had a booth at the Pavillion in Mt. Washington, and donated personal hygiene supplies to approximately 225 local children with financial need.

### **Stewardship**

Ed Scott sent in a report that the Stewardship committee is meeting Thursday night to discuss fundraising ideas to help supply necessities to the new Parish Activity Center. Initial brainstorming of ideas was conducted at their July meeting. The goal is to start communicating this new request and the options parishioners have for giving before the end of August.

### **Worship**

Joey Followay reported that the Worship Committee met on June 22. Three new altar servers were trained. The committee has not decided whether to return to two lectors per mass or remain at one lector reading both readings. Our Music Director, Carrie Gary, plans to bring back the Children's Choir soon. There will be no Vacation Bible School this year, but Darlene wants to plan a Back to School Night. The next Worship Committee Meeting will be August 17.

The meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is September 14, 2021 at 6:45 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary

