

Pastoral Council Meeting
June 15, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Chris Williams, Nancy Collette, Jim Ernspiker, Roy Greenwell, Joey Followay, Eric Guy, Sharon Mann

Members Absent: Alexandra Rogers, Ed Scott, Michael Thomas

Others Present: Deacon Earl Baker, Helen Hagan

Meeting opened with prayer.

Helen Hagan and Chris Williams were present and offered to answer any questions about the St. Francis Xavier 2021/2022 Proposed Budget, which was presented at last month's meeting. There were no questions. Eric Guy moved the budget be approved as written. Joey Followay seconded, all in favor.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the May minutes. Eric Guy moved the minutes be approved as written; Joey Followay seconded, all in favor.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale reported that the Priests' Assembly at St. Meinrad in early June went well.

Father Dale thanked the Chairpersons of the Super Raffle and Spring Fling Committees, as well as the people of the parish, for making both activities a success.

So far, the construction and renovation project is moving along according to the timeline. The Steering Committee continues to meet regularly. The Stewardship Committee meets to discern the stocking of the Parish Activity Center with supplies (necessities) once constructed.

There are two upcoming weddings at St. Francis Xavier: June 18 and June 26.

Father Dale announced three events already being planned for future fundraising. They are the "AuctionFest" on October 23, 2021, a meal with Coach Scott Davenport as a guest speaker on May 21, 2022, and an event similar to the Super Raffle/Spring Fling on June 11, 2022.

The Parish Office will be closed on July 5 for Independence Day and on September 6 for Labor Day.

The following staff birthdays are coming soon:

Deacon Earl Baker on June 22

Deacon Gerry Mattingly on July 13

Darlene Fowler, Director of Religious Education, on August 9

Paula Silliman, Pastoral Associate, on September 8

Deacon Jubilees are approaching. Deacon Steve will celebrate 3 years on August 20; Deacon Gerry will celebrate 15 years on August 26, and Deacon Earl will celebrate 1 year on August 29.

Father Dale announced the following dates when he will be out of town:
July 30-31 in Indianapolis
September 27-Oct. 1 at "A Desert Experience"
October 8 - 16 in Hilton Head
October 31 - Nov. 6 at St. Meinrad Archabbey

Old Business

Father Dale offered members a handout from the Archdiocese of Louisville regarding updated guidelines for liturgical celebrations and gatherings. Beginning June 12, parishes may move to 100% capacity. Most other safety guidelines, regarding cleaning, for example, have stayed the same.

Lou Leppert reported on Pastoral Council Membership at Large changes. On Pentecost Sunday, Matt O'Connor and Patricia Mattingly were chosen for 3-year terms. Keith Meyer and Steve Tillman were chosen for 1-year terms, and Teresa Daniel was chosen as alternate. These assignments will be effective in August.

Lou thanked current members for their service.

New Business

Father Dale announced our new Formation Committee Chairperson, Roy Greenwell and our new Worship Committee Chairperson, Joey Followay, who were both present. He thanked them for their willingness to serve in this capacity. He also thanked Eric Guy for his time and service as chairperson of the Worship Committee, as he is stepping down from that post.

Committee Reports

Administration

Chris Williams reported that we have raised 98% of our pledge to the Capital Campaign.

Formation

Roy Grenwell reported that the Women's Retreat is being planned for early 2022. A Parish Mission with a guest speaker is also being planned. The next Formation Committee meeting will be 1:00 on Thursday, June 17.

Parish Life

No news to report.

Stewardship

Ed Scott sent in a report that members of the committee have called a number of leaders from different church ministries at St. Francis Xavier and identified specific activities and events that they plan to host in the new Parish Activity Center. They are in the process of finding creative ways to raise funds for the equipment needed to conduct those activities. They are also working to identify people of the parish to take on leadership roles for event planning.

Worship

Eric Guy reported that the Worship Committee met on May 18 and will meet again on June 22.

Father Dale gave special thanks to Michael Thomas and the safety and security team for their hard work.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is August 10, 2021 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary