

St. Francis Xavier
Pastoral Council Meeting
February 8, 2022

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

Members Absent: Joey Followay, Patricia Mattingly, Alexandra Rogers, Ed Scott

Others Present: Mitchell Elder, Bobby Grace

Meeting opened with prayer.

Mitchell Elder gave a report on the Steering Committee's progress. The opening date for the new Parish Activity Center remains April 15. The parish has raised \$112,180 toward "The Ask," our appeal for funding to furnish the needs of the Parish Activity Center and renovated Parish Hall. The goal is to raise \$160,000 for this project. Mitchell handed out a list of items needed for the PAC and church renovation, along with their cost.

Parish Hall renovation started Monday, January 3, and is ongoing with construction of the lift and stairwell.

Bobby Grace explained his process for researching and composing the rental agreement for the new PAC center. He stressed the importance of engaging the parish to volunteer their time and talent to help run the facility.

Bobby showed a sample rental agreement and application and explained that the fees for rental must be similar to other local churches with gyms so we do not create a competition within the Archdiocese.

We plan to have beer and alcohol available for functions at the PAC. Workers will have to be trained through the Archdiocese.

Bobby explained that some details of the rental agreement will still need to be decided upon by the Parish Council. He encouraged the Council to have conversations and start making those decisions now. Copies of a sample contract will be distributed to members via email.

There was discussion on details regarding kitchen usage and beer sales.

Bobby recommended the creation of a PAC Committee or Facilities Committee to oversee rentals.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the January, 2022 minutes. Jim Ernspiker moved the minutes to be approved as written; Keith Meyer seconded; all in favor.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale reported that we have a new Archbishop, Shelton Joseph Fabre, of Louisiana. His installation as the 10th Bishop/5th Archbishop of Louisville is scheduled for March 30, 2022 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville.

A dedication and blessing for the new Parish Activity Center by Archbishop Shelton will be held on Sunday, May 29 after the 11:00 mass with a food and drink reception afterwards.

The next Progress Meetings for our new construction and renovation are February 15, March 1, March 15, March 29, and April 12, all at 9:30 am.

After careful review by staff members, the Religious Education program called *Formed* will be renewed and offered to the parish for at least one more year.

The Dinner with Coach Scott Davenport which was scheduled for May 21 has been moved to September 10, 2022. This is to give time to prepare and furnish our new PAC since this event will be the public's first impression of the new space.

Father Dale has nominated Kevin Zygmunt for a new Archdiocesan Youth Board and he accepted the nomination. This Board will advise on youth ministry in the Archdiocese. Ten youth will be selected to serve.

The Garden for the Homeless, our parish garden, is looking for new volunteers this year. Sandy Clark is the Chairperson and needs more help because many members have stepped down recently. We donate the harvest to Mt. Washington Ministries, and we need more help to continue doing so.

Upcoming Staff Birthdays:

Dave Richardson - April 17

Helen Hagan - May 1

Father Dale Cieslik - May 2

Monique Becker - May 11

Father Dale's other upcoming work includes:

February 18-19 - in Indianapolis with Father Bill Burks

February 21-25 - trip to the desert

March 21-25 - Lenten Retreat at St. Meinrad

Upcoming staff meetings will be March 3, March 31, April 28, May 26, and June 23. May 26 is the Planning Day for 2022-23, when staff will plan activities for the upcoming year.

Old Business

Father Dale reported that there have been no new changes to COVID safety guidelines this month.

Lou Leppert reported that the Pastoral Councils of the Archdiocese of Louisville (PCAL) meeting was moved to March. Lou will participate semi-annually with all other pastoral council chairpeople of the Archdiocese.

Lou asked for volunteers to work the Pastoral Council table at the upcoming Ministry Fair. Members volunteered and all slots were covered.

The Women's Retreat will be February 19.
Father Dale's Anniversary of Ordination is May 22.
Confirmation Mass will be May 24 at 7:00 pm.
Graduation Mass will be May 29.

New Business

The April meeting of the Pastoral Council was moved to April 19 because the regularly scheduled meeting would be in the middle of Holy Week.

Committee Reports

Administration

Chris Williams reported that the 2021 Audit is underway. The Audit Committee reviews and completes an Archdiocese questionnaire to report our parish statistics.

We will be getting new phones across the campus. We will switch from Windstream to Spectrum for our phones and wifi.

Budgeting sheets have been passed out to all ministry chairpeople and staff members. Pastoral Council will approve the budget at the June meeting.

Upcoming fundraising events are the Super Raffle, which will be in April and June. Auctionfest will move to December and January to separate it from the Super Raffle.

Formation

Roy Greenwell reported the following dates:
Confirmation Mass will be May 24 at 7 pm.
First Communion will be April 24 at 2 pm.
Easter Vigil will be April 16.
Women's Retreat will be February 19.

There are currently 9 people in RCIA who will be inducted into the church during the Easter Vigil.

Parish Life

Nancy Collette reported that Community Ministries has been busy. They were able to obtain rent from Catholic Charities for two local families in need, and we paid their electric and water bills.

Stewardship

Chris Williams reported on "The Ask." We continue to get contributions for the items we need to furnish the PAC. This is affecting our regular contributions, which are down.

Worship

No report.

Further Discussion

Lou stated that we will discuss details of the new rental agreement for the PAC at the March meeting. There was a suggestion of creating sub-committees of parishoners with specific areas of expertise, such as food service and sports events, rather than asking Parish Council to make each of the decisions.

There was discussion of a need for someone to coordinate events, as well as discussion of whether to serve alcohol at events. Council members were asked to bring concerns to the March meeting.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is March 8, 2022 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary