

St. Francis Xavier  
Parish Council Meeting  
August 9, 2022

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Shannon Age, Nancy Collett, Jim Ernspiker, Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Lisa Reed, Alexandra Rogers, Chris Williams, Keith Meyer, Matthew O'Connor

**Members Absent:** Ed Scott

**Others Present:** Mitchell Elder

Meeting opened with prayer.

Chairman, Lou Leppert, welcomed new member, Shannon Age, and new alternate, Lisa Reed.

**Facilities Board Update/Approval of Rental Agreements:**

Mitchell Elder was present to give an update on the new Xavier Center and renovated Parish Hall. The Facilities Board has developed rental agreements/applications for the gymnasium and the meeting room. They gathered input from the Archdiocese and our insurance company to develop the agreements, and asked Steve Tillman, parishioner and attorney, to help revise.

Copies of the agreement contracts were sent to council members for review prior to tonight's meeting.

Bartenders will serve beer and wine for an additional fee. When alcohol is served, we will use security as well.

Use of the kitchen will come with an additional contract and fee, which is still being drafted.

Parish events will not have to pay a rental fee (ex.ministries such as the Women's Bazaar).

Chris Williams moved the contracts to be approved as written. Joey Followay seconded; all in favor.

Mitchell added that the renovations on the Parish Hall are almost complete. The last thing to be done is to build a kitchen upstairs.

Father Dale thanked Mitchell for his guidance throughout the construction and renovation project.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the June, 2022 minutes. Shannon Age noted a correction to be made to Deacon Steve's Jubilee. Chris Williams moved the minutes to be approved with the revision; Shannon Age seconded; all in favor.

### **Pastor's Report**

Father Dale announced our new Director of Religious Education, Lauren Battcher. She will hold a meeting with the RE Catechists and Safety Team on August 24. Father Dale thanked Darlene Fowler for her 14 years of service in that role and reported that Darlene will now work at St. Bernard School.

*The Blessing of a Child in the Womb* will be done during all masses on the weekend of August 12.

*Dinner with Coach Davenport* will be September 10 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person, including a meal and drinks. Half of the proceeds from that event will go to children's cancer research through Norton's Children's Hospital.

St. Francis Xavier is hosting the Business Managers of the Archdiocese for lunch and a meeting on September 15 at the Xavier Center. Vice Chancellor Tink Guthrie will speak at that event.

Photography for the 2022 Parish Directory will be done August 15-27.

Father Dale will meet with Archbishop Shelton on August 15 at 10:30 am.

We celebrate the following Deacon Jubilees in August:

Deacon Gerry Mattingly for 16 years on August 26.

Deacon Steve Age for 6 years on August 20.

Deacon Earl Baker for 2 years on August 29.

The next Parish Staff meeting will be August 30th at 3:00 pm.

The Parish Office will be closed on September 5 for Labor Day Holiday.

Father Dale's other upcoming dates and obligations include:

Priests' Support Group will meet at St. Francis Xavier on August 16 at 1:00 pm.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

The Parish Staff and Parish Council will hold their annual Holiday Party on December 3 at 6:00 pm.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Administration**

Chris Williams reported that the Hospitality Team will be holding a CPR course on Aug 28 after 11:00 mass. Those interested should RSVP to Michael Thomas.

Our parish raised \$10,285 for Eastern Kentucky flood victims. That donation will be sent to the Diocese of Lexington. This was in addition to the collection of items donated by the Knights of Columbus.

We have now purchased enough round tables and chairs for events at the Xavier Center.

We have had more than 250 people sign-in for activities in the Xavier Center. Those activities include walking, Tai Chi, pickleball, and men's basketball.

The site inspection of the Xavier Center was done for the liquor license and we are awaiting final approval from the state. The Mt. Washington license has already been approved. These will be in place for the Davenport Dinner.

### **Formation**

Roy Greenwell reported that the Bible Study has ended and they are planning to start another study soon.

There will be a Formation Committee Meeting on August 18.

### **Parish Life**

Nancy Collett reported that the Women's Club will be holding a Pampered Chef fundraiser on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 10am -12pm. They will also host Bunco on September 22 in the Parish Hall. The annual Christmas Bazaar will be November 5 in the Xavier Center. They are looking for volunteers for that event.

Community Ministries has five people on a rotation handing out funds to those in need. They hosted a booth at the Back to School Bash for the Mt. Washington area schools. We provided shampoo for families who needed those supplies.

The Rosary Makers made one thousand rosaries to send to Tanzania. They also made a gift donation to the Spring Fling and to the Eastern Kentucky Relief Fund. They are also setting up booth at St. Michael's Bazaar on September 24 to sell rosaries as a fundraiser to buy more rosary supplies.

The Prayer Blanket Committee is working on a quilt for a silent auction.

### **Stewardship**

No report.

**Worship**

No report.

The meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is September 13, 2022 at 6:45 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary