

St. Francis Xavier  
Parish Council Meeting  
September 13, 2022

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Shannon Age, Nancy Collett, Jim Ernspiker, Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Keith Meyer, Chris Williams

**Members Absent:** Matthew O'Connor, Alexandra Rogers, Ed Scott

Meeting opened with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Pastor's Report**

Father Dale announced and celebrated our new Director of Religious Education, Lauren Battcher.

The Mass Schedule for November 26-February 22 is now complete.

Father reported that the *Dinner with Coach Davenport* was a success. A profit of \$1,000 was donated to Children's Cancer Research as a result of the event.

Father Dale will preside over the Mills-Shunnarah Wedding at St. Francis Xavier on September 17.

Catechetical Weekend is September 17-18. Father Dale will bless all catechists. There will be coffee and donuts after the 9:00 am mass, organized by Lauren Battcher and catechists.

The Pallium Mass with Archbishop Fabre is September 20 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral.

There will be a Religious Education Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The 2nd Annual *Hear It for the Spirit* concert will be Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 outside the church.

Region 9 Meeting of Priests is Thursday, October 20 at 1:00 pm at the Xavier Center.

Father Dale asked council members about their interest in having a Parish Council Day of Retreat. Lou Leppert encouraged it. Father Dale will research presenters for a potential date.

Upcoming Staff Birthdays:

- Jennifer Sweeney - October 6
- Bobby Grace - October 8
- Deacon Steve Age - October 23

The next Parish Staff meeting will be September 27th at 3:00 pm.

Father Dale's other upcoming dates and obligations include:

- A trip to Indianapolis with Father Bill Burks to see Archbishop Thompson on October 13-15.
- Einsiedeln Society at St. Meinrad on October 28-29. Father Bob Stuempel will sub at Saturday mass.

### **Old Business**

Father reported that Dinner with Coach Davenport was a successful opportunity for fellowship.

Lou Leppert reminded council members of the annual holiday dinner in December.

### **New Business**

Lou announced that PCAL will meet on October 22. This semi-annual meeting is a chance for Parish Council Chairpersons from the Archdiocese of Louisville to meet with Archbishop Fabre.

Future Parish Events include:

- The Women's Club Bazaar will be November 5.
- The High School Youth Trivia Night will be October 22.
- The Baby Bottle Exchange will be Oct. 1 through Halloween.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration**

Chris Williams reported that the church is collecting bids for paving of the parking lot.

Nineteen volunteers and all staff members completed the Safe Environment Class recently. Another class is scheduled for new volunteers working with children on October 18.

*ABC Commercial Cleaning*, a new, less expensive cleaning company has been hired.

Our budget/finances will be audited by the Archdiocese of Louisville this year.

Bobby Grace is looking for a place to sell the overstock materials from Wehr construction, including floor tile, glue, drywall mud, ceiling tile grid, etc.

Bobby submitted the following updates regarding the church grounds and maintenance:

- HMC Sewer Company has started the process to replace our sewer line.
- The east and west side doors of the church need to have glass seals replaced.

- Stivers Landscape will landscape the entire church grounds in the fall.
- KTP will build aluminum ramps for the two storage containers
- The sound system for the Xavier Center has been installed and tested.
- Awnings will need to be added to the three Xavier Center doors.
- New campus signage is needed.

### **Formation**

Roy Greenwell reported that RCIA currently has one adult and four children participants.

The Women's Retreat will be March 18, 2023.

There are three new Eucharistic Ministry volunteers who are being trained.

The Senior Thanksgiving Meal will be November 13 at 2:00 pm.

There will be an Epiphany Breakfast after the 9:00 am mass on January 8, 2023.

The Men's Retreat will be February 18, 2023.

The next Formation Meeting will be September 29 at 3:00 pm.

### **Parish Life**

Nancy Collett reported that the Prayer Blanket Ministry is working on quilts for the Winter Auction and the Summer Festival. They are also donating blankets to Hosparus Health in support of our veterans. They are grateful to have received a large donation of yarn.

### **Stewardship**

Ed Scott submitted a report on the committee's Activity Survey. They have sent out emails to anyone that was interested in the following activities: volleyball, basketball, open gym, Kids Night, Movie Night and social events. They have already received multiple responses in each area with individuals that are interested in helping organize activities. They plan to schedule meetings for each of these areas later this month. The goal is to drive both activities utilizing our new space and develop leaders in our parish community.

### **Worship**

Joey Followay reported that the committee met August 16. They need youth servers and adult Acolytes and Sacristans.

Father Dale would like to resume the presentation of gifts by parish members down the aisle around Thanksgiving.

Paula Silliman took over scheduling for servers.

Choir practice started back again on August 17. *Hear It For the Spirit* will be October 2.

**Further Discussion**

Keith Meyer asked about the stacked brick that has been standing by the Xavier Center recently. Father Dale said they are working on using it for a sign outside the building. Meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is October 11, 2022 at 6:45 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary