

St. Francis Xavier
Parish Council Meeting
January 10, 2023

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Shannon Age, Jim Ernsperger, Keith Meyer, Alexandria Rogers, Chris Williams, Nancy Collett, Matthew O'Connor, Lisa Reed

Members Absent: Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Pattie Mattingly, Ed Scott

Approval of Minutes

Chairman, Lou Leppert, directed a review of the November 2022 minutes. Chris Williams moved the minutes be approved as written; the motion was seconded; all in favor.

Pastor's Report

CSA Report shows we are at 109% of our goal, \$24,435.00. Thanks!

SFX Facilities Board will meet this Thursday, January 12 @ 7:00PM

Will baptize Ayana Ramsey this Saturday, January 14 @ 1:00

Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 16, for MLK Day.

The deadline for CRM is February 1st (1st quarter issue)

We are holding Masses at retirement homes.

- Sander's Ridge Home- March 2, April 20, and June 29
- Green Meadows Home – February 2, March 30, and May 25
- Working on adding Inspirations to the rotation

The next Parish Staff meeting will be January 31 @ 3:30PM

On the following dates we will host priest substitutes in Fr. Dale's absence

- January 14 – Fr. Jerry Bell
- February 4 – Fr. Bob Stuempel

Ash Wednesday service held on February 22 @ 7:00

Lenten Communal Penance on March 12 @ 2:00 @ St. Michael's

Looking at having a Parish Staff retreat this is still TBD

PERSONAL:

Prayers for Fr. Jack Caldwell who is in the hospital with COVID and not doing well

Baptizing great-niece, Avery Imogene McGill, on January 22 @ 3:00

Vacation January 23 through 28 which includes a trip to Indianapolis to see +CCT with Fr. Bill Burks

Priests' Personnel Board on January 31 @ 1:00 @ Pastor Center

Vacation February 6 through 10 inclusive

Retreat @ St. Meinrad Monastery on March 6 through 10 inclusive

Old Business

Update on naming on rooms in Xavier Center and Parish Hall: Fr. Dale compiled recommendations and sent these to the Parish Staff and other vested individuals and has received feedback. He would like to keep names simple, and avoid acronyms and names of Priests. We will purchase signage soon for labeling our campus.

Updates on previous parish activities:

- Epiphany Brunch – This was well attended and the food was delicious!
- Polar Express Movie Night – 100+ in attendance for the 3-hour event. We had a good turn out of people to help set-up that morning to help create a magical wonderland. Stations were set up for Santa letter writing, planting candy cane seeds, and selfie stations; hot chocolate and Christmas popcorn were served to our “passengers”; there were chairs aplenty for the adults with lots of space for the children to lay down with pillows and blankets in front of the screen. A **huge** thank you to everyone who helped out! Definitely couldn’t have made it happen without the support of so many!
Already in the planning stages for creating a 3- or 5-year rotation of themes so that we don’t do *Polar Express* every year. A survey was sent out to see what everyone’s “must watch” Christmas movies are. Those results show *Home Alone* as a clear choice so that may be next year’s theme.
We’re also looking at adding an adult movie night. Maybe a gift wrapping and movie session. This is in very loose planning stages at the moment.
- Scout Project – Christina finished her Eagle Project on the SFX campus which was building an art/supply cabinet for the RE building. Well done and definitely needed and appreciated!
- Christmas – Everything went well. Art & Environment and Music were well done and was nice having it on Saturday and Sunday. Over 700 attended the 4:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

New Business

Update on Formation Chair Replacement: Roy has resigned his position as Formation chair. Paula Sillimar has agreed to step into this role. She and Fr. Dale are working together to determine what positions should be part of this committee to help fill it out more. Currently the committee includes Fr. Dale, Paula, and Lauren Battcher as the DRE. Fr. Dale is also working on cleaning up communication lines for ministry heads to report or seek assistance more efficiently.

Xavier Center Floor: The kitchen floor was put down using an incorrect method – did not follow the instructions on *how* to apply the product – and due to this is not cleaning well. We’re in contract negotiations to correct this issue (now the 4th time to complete this process) but everything will have to come out to have this redone in the right way. The negotiations also relate to who will pay for the removal of *everything* in the kitchen.

Update on Upcoming Parish Activities:

- Auctionfest – Will be held on January 21 @ 7:00 in the Xavier Center. We will have the chili supper, silent auction, and activities for kids. We need the tickets to be sold. We have lots of donations for the auction; the website is being updated often.
- Valentine’s Dance – There will be a live band and wine/beer/drinks sold. Those who attend can bring their own snacks. The flyer is out for it and has all the information.
- Fish Fries – The last Friday of January the Knights will host a “trial run” Fish Fry to see how things go having it in the Xavier Center. We will ask members of the Parish who are bartenders to sell beer and wine. The money from the alcohol sells will go back to the Parish, not the Knights. We’ll start our regular Lenten fish fries at the start of the season.
- Interactive Stations of the Cross – Paula and Lisa have been working to get the Interactive Stations going again this year. They will set-up in the RE building on Thursday, March 30th and have it run, open house style, Friday, March 31st through Saturday, April 1st. We wanted to hold it over a 2-day period this year to give people more time and opportunity to come through and the weekend leading into Holy week will help set the mood/tone/mindfulness of the week ahead. Times are yet to be decided.

- Side note: Opening day lines up with the Knight's Fish Fry trial run which will hopefully help attendance for both.
- Little Way Shower – 2nd Little Way Pregnancy Baby Shower on Sunday, March 12th @ noon in the Xavier Center meeting room.

Thank you for all of these activities!

Committee Reports

Administration (Chris Williams):

- Report from Helen that the Archdiocese has signed a contract with *Parish Soft* that will replace parish data systems (our parishioner database and accounting system). This update has been a long time coming and they are thrilled about it. Starting in July 2023 ledgers and accounting portions will be migrated and then they'll migrate offices and parishes.
- Dianne Rucker has been purchasing things for the Xavier Center kitchen and has started cooking sessions with volunteers and outreach ministries to help teach people to use the kitchen.
- We will host another Safe Environment Training on March 21st. The archdiocese requires those who engage with our children to go through this training every five years.
- Down to the last of the corrections to be made on the Xavier Center. Hopefully this will all be done soon.
- For the Auctionfest, we received \$6250 in sponsorship money that is down from last year's total but we're still waiting to hear from one more.
- St. Francis will be having *Love the Hungry* again this Lent, on March 26. This was a group that came in March 2020 to the old church. They bagged nutritional meals for third world countries. Look for more information in the bulletin and on the website.
- *Shred Day* sponsored by the Knights on Saturday, April 15th. All are welcome to bring their old papers to shred.

Formation (Paula Silliman):

- Women's Retreat March 18 and Men's Retreat February 18th
- Women's Deaconate Retreat February 3 and 4
- First Penance March 11 @ 1:00PM
- First Communion April 24 @ 11:00AM Mass
- Confirmation May 23 @ 7:00PM

Parish Life (Nancy Collette):

- Women's Club:
 - The Christmas Bazaar was held in the Xavier Center and was very successful.
 - The Epiphany Breakfast was held in the Parish Hall and was well attended.
 - Next meeting February 6th
- Family Ministries update
 - Clients have slowed down the last several weeks. Have recommended 7 or 8 clients to SVDP Santa Shop and handed out 25 Christmas Baskets.

Stewardship (Ed Scott): not in attendance

- Stewardship Committee has not met in the last few months and we will have our next meeting in early February. I'll be able to provide an update after that meeting.

Worship (Joey Followay): not in attendance

Closing Prayer

Next Parish Council meeting is February 14 @ 6:45 in Xavier Center meeting room

Adjournment