

St. Francis Xavier
Parish Council Meeting
November 8, 2022

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Shannon Age, Jim Ernsperger, Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Pattie Mattingly, Keith Meyer, Alexandra Rogers, Chris Williams

Members Absent: Nancy Collett, Matthew O'Connor, Ed Scott,

Meeting opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the October, 2022 minutes. Joey Followay moved the minutes to be approved as written; Shannon Age seconded; all in favor.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale announced that the Parish Office will be closed Dec. 23-January 3 except for dire needs such as a funeral.

St. Francis Xavier has donated \$20,160.00 of the \$22,400.00 goal, which is 90%. 52 of 98 families have given 53% of this total.

The Christmas Bazaar on November 5 at the Xavier Center went very well. Father Dale gave a special thanks to those who set up and tore down the event.

Mass will be held at Green Meadows Nursing Home on November 10 and Sander's Ridge Health Campus on Dec. 29.

There will be a Veteran's Day Blessing at all masses on November 12-13.

Thanksgiving Dinner with our senior parish members will be Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 pm.

There will be a Facilities Board Meeting on November 17 at 7:00.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, Nov. 24 at 10:00 am.

The Immaculate Conception Feast Mass will be on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm.

Staff Birthday:

Carrie Gary's birthday is January 5.

Father Dale's other upcoming dates and obligations include:

- Bellarmine University Basketball Game on Nov. 9 at 9:00 pm
- Priests' Fall Convocation on Nov. 8 at Holy Family Church Campus

- Priests' Support Group will meet at Father Jerry Bell's on Nov. 15 from 1-4 pm
- Region 9 Meeting will be on Nov. 16 at 1:00 pm at St. Joseph in Bardstown.
- The next Parish Staff Meetings are Nov. 22 and Dec. 20 at 3:00 pm.

Old Business

- Lou Leppert reported on the Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Louisville (PCAL) Meeting on October 22. One of the highlights of the meeting was meeting and listening to Archbishop Shelton. The meeting covered many topics, including a discussion of the Bylaws for the Pastoral Council Guidelines. In addition, The Chancellor discussed Catholic Charities and the history of the Holy Name Buildings. The Chancellor also updated PCAL members on the future of tuition assistance for families sending their children to private schools. The Archdiocese Annual Accountability Report showed that Archdiocese collections are at the same level as pre-COVID.
- Lou gave an update on the naming of the new and renovated meeting spaces. Father Dale has surveyed the Parish Council and the parish as a whole for ideas of names. Father Dale will make the final decision.
- Lou reminded council members of the Holiday Party on December 3.

New Business

Lou Leppert gave an update on upcoming parish activities:

- There is a Funeral Planning Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 12.
- Donuts with the St. Francis Xavier Facilities Board will be offered after masses on Nov. 19 and 20.
- The Kerygma Prayer Experience will be Wed., Nov. 30
- The AuctionFest Kickoff is Dec. 3 and 4. The Raffle and event will be January 21. Parish members can start donating items now.

Committee Reports

Administration

Chris Williams reported for Helen Hagan. The church has sent AuctionFest letters to approximately fifteen companies asking them to be sponsors for the event, which will be January 21. There will be a Chili Supper that night as well. Jennifer Sweeney has emailed the various committees across our parish, asking for donations for the auction.

The Parish Council discussed ideas and deadlines for a basket to be donated on its behalf.

Chris reported on behalf of Helen that the Safe Environmental Class had a large turnout.

Each year, Catholic Mutual Insurance Company visits our campus. As a result of our new addition to campus, we are now required to have visitors sign a type of liability release waiver, which follows the Archdiocese policies and procedures.

There was a special Finance Meeting held on Nov. 7 about priorities that need to be addressed on the church campus related to safety and security. The following were approved as main priorities at this time:

- Upgrading and adding additional cameras to campus
- Installation of a ramp for the office building
- Access Control for the RE Building
- Updates to the fire alarm system
- Signage to label buildings for the fire department.

Both Chris and Father Dale reiterated that many of these upgrades and additions will go unseen, but they are important and will maintain our buildings so that they last longer.

Formation

Roy Greenwell reported the following:

The Kerygma Prayer Experience will be Nov. 30.

The Community Garden was successful this year, but needs more volunteers.

March 18 is the date for the Women's Retreat.

April 15 is the tentative date for the Parish Yard Sale at the Xavier Center.

We have 3 men, 3 children, 2 unregistered adults.

We have 139 students in Religious Education.

We have 2 new volunteers to teach Children's Church.

Nov 17 is the next Formation Committee Meeting.

Parish Life

No report.

Stewardship

No report.

Worship

Joey Followay reported the following from the October Worship Committee Meeting:

- Father Dale is working on the schedule for Ash Wednesday through June, 2023.
- St. Francis Xavier Feast Day is Dec. 3
- Immaculate Conception Mass is Dec. 8
- Communal Penance is at St. Gabriel Church on Dec. 11
- Epiphany Breakfast is January 8 after the 9:00 mass.
- The Men's Retreat is February 18.
- The parish is still in need of more Sacristans.
- We have 12 children in the Children's Choir. They will sing at mass in mid-November.
- Children's Church will continue throughout school breaks.
- 1 new parishioner joined the Arts and Environment Committee.
- The next Worship Committee meeting is November 15.

Father Dale added that the Polar Express Night will be in the Xavier Center on December 10.

The meeting closed in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is January 10, 2023 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary