

St. Francis Xavier
Parish Council Meeting
November 14, 2023

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Sandee Clark, Nancy Collett, Joey Followay, Keith Meyer, Matt O'Connor, Paula Silliman, James Underwood, Chris Williams

Members Absent: Gerry Gonzalez, Pattie Mattingly, Ed Scott

Meeting opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the September, 2023 minutes. Chris Williams moved the minutes to be approved as written; Matt O'Connor seconded; all in favor. Minutes were approved as written.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale reported that Helen Hagan has resigned as Parish Business Manager due to health reasons. He asked to honor Helen and hold her in prayer. Our new Parish Business Manager is Jennifer Sweeney, who started that position on November 13. Cara Blake is now the full-time Administrative Assistant, and we are searching for a part-time Director of Engagement.

Bryan Rueve has been hired as the new full-time Facilities Manager.

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, Nov, 21 at 5:30 pm in the Choir Room.
There will be a Worship Committee Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8, with a mass at 8:30 am only.

There will be mass at Green Meadows Nursing Home on November 30 at 1:30 pm and at Sander's Ridge Health Campus on December 21 at 1:30 pm with Father Dale presiding.

Father Bob Ray will be the presider at mass on December 9 at 5:00 pm and Deacon Earl will be the homilist.

The Staff Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday, December 20.

The Parish Office will be closed from December 22 through January 2 for the Christmas Break.

Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 am (no 11:00 am mass) for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm for Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25 at 10:00 am for Christmas Day

Father Bob Ray will be the sub for 4:00 pm Confessions and 5:00 pm Mass on January 5, 2024.

Father Dale's other duties include:

November 15 - 16 - in Bowling Green

November 28 at 1:00 pm - Priest Support Group at St. Bernard Vacation

November 29 at 8:00 pm - Bellarmine University Men's Basketball at UofL

December 3 at 6:00 pm - Priest Support Group Meal

Old Business

We will revisit the Church in Dialogue status at our February meeting. There has been no progress on a decision at this time.

St. Francis Xavier will participate in the I Give Catholic Program this year. Archbishop Shelton explains the program on the Archdiocese website. Our funds raised will go toward the Religious Education program and updates to the Religious Education building.

New Business

Lou Leppert reported that the next Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese meeting will be in January in Louisville.

Committee Reports

Administration

- Chris Williams reminded us all to double check that the doors are locked after we use a space on campus.
- We still have a rain leak on the Xavier Center wall with visible damage. Wehr Construction is addressing it.
- With the growth of our campus, Bobby Grace is not able to maintain all of the sidewalks in snow and ice, so we may need to hire an outside company. The average cost of a service like this is \$45 per man hour. We are looking for volunteers to help for now.

Formation

Paula Silliman reported the following:

- There are currently 25 high school youth students participating in the Youth program.
- Movie Night is returning this year for the children of our parish and community.
- The 8th Graders will be caroling at Sanders Ridge Health Campus on December 13.
- 80 people have RSVP'ed to the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Jennifer Sweeney would like to know if the Parish Council wants to donate a basket for the Taste of St. Francis. Joey Followay volunteered to be in charge of gathering items for that basket.
- There are 2 adults and 3 children currently participating in the OCIA program. Dianne Rucker has joined the OCIA leadership team.

Parish Life

Nancy Collette reported that:

- The Rosary Makers donated one thousand rosaries to Our Lady Rosary Makers, who will send them to Indonesia.
- They have also donated funds raised to people in need in our area and in Appalachia after the tornados.
- They will donate rosaries to the First Holy Communion class this year.
- Community Ministries has nine referrals for St. Vincent De Paul Santa Shop on Dec. 10
- Trunk or Treat was a success. There were 25 cars distributing treats and 200 trick or treaters.
- New Year's Eve Dance tickets are on sale now. Purchase a table of 8 to get reserve seating.
- Plans are being made now for the Taste of St. Francis, chaired by Wendy Aubrey.
- Group Fitness classes have started on Saturdays and Tuesdays in the Xavier Center.
- Family Christmas Movie will be December 2.
- The Women's Club Christmas Bazaar had a great turnout.
- Planning is underway now for next year's Summer Fest.
- James Underwood would like to make a request to make the gaming wheels and Peg Boards for future Summer Fests/Picnics instead of renting them. This would save money and time in the future. The Council had discussion regarding this request. It looks like the law says we must rent from a licensed distributor, so the question is can we get ours licensed/approved if homemade. Father Dale referred to the Parish Manager.
- There are 20-25 new Cub Scouts from K-5th grade
- The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be this Friday (Nov. 17) in the Parish Hall. Proceeds will go to the Stewards of Appalachia. There will be no fish fry in December.

Stewardship

No report this month.

Worship

Joey Followay gave a report from the Worship Committee Meeting in September:

- The "Hear It for the Spirit" concert was nicely attended.
- Jo Rueve has requested to replace planters at the entrance of the church due to age and vandalism. They will be replaced with resin instead of concrete.
- Valu Market will fill our order for garland for a manger at Christmas.
- The crosses have been dropped off at Grace on Main for refurbishment.
- The Worship Committee's next meeting will be November 21 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed in prayer.

The next Parish Council Meeting is February 13, 2024 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary

