

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2015

West Room

Attendees: Father Joe Marina, S.J.; Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, Patricia Dahl, Phil Gutierrez, Deborah Olley Murphy, David Pais; absent member: Bob Lepisko

1. Prayer: Deborah Olley Murphy

2. Pastor's Report

- The parish space is back to regular hours: seven days a week, closing at 9 p.m. in the evenings.
- The West Side Deanery, consisting of Xavier, Blessed Sacrament, St. Malachy, and Notre Dame, is beginning a series of adult education programs (spearheaded by Blessed Sacrament's pastor, John Dufell). The series began Monday, September 21; it is a pilot program, and Xavier will host in January and February 2016. A planning team is in place.
- Sandy Mattingly, chair of the parish's "Making All Things New" committee, has recommended that Xavier find good ways to connect with other parishes in our cluster. Suggestions are being made.
- On Thursday, September 24, Jesuit pastors from the Northeast and Maryland provinces will convene at Xavier; one main area of focus will be Ignatian spirituality. The possibility of Xavier being a site for the training of spiritual directors has been embraced with enthusiasm. There will be more discussion on this.
- Meetings for the training of hospitality ministers have been scheduled.
- Sister Jeanne Grennick (sp??) will speak at 20 Washington Square on Sunday, September 27. This has been sponsored by Call to Action.
- The Mission Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 18. It will be celebrated by Father Jim Crogan, S.J., rector; the shelter will also be named for Father Ned Coughlin, S.J., at that mass.
- CNN was at Xavier in advance of Pope Francis's visit, and Father Marina and three parishioners were interviewed for the segment. It is scheduled to air on Thursday, September 24.
- In Fiscal Year 2015, Xavier was asked to contribute a portion of its rental income from Winston Prep to support the Global Regional School System (Catholic education in the diocese) in recognition that the school facility was built as a parochial school to foster Catholic education. The parish has made the requested contribution.

3. Update on Pastoral Council Priorities

- Members of Pastoral Council subcommittees presented ideas for addressing the following priorities: Ignatian spirituality, ambassadors, Jesuit collaborations, and liturgical ministries. In each case, the subcommittees have begun to investigate

ways to serve the parish using these priorities as guideposts. Some possibilities raised include planning a film and discussion series, as well as a week of Ignatian awareness, designed to better understand the Society of Jesus.

4. Pastoral Council Retreat

- The Pastoral Council will hold its retreat the weekend of January 29-31, 2016 at Xavier. It will likely involve the larger parish staff as well. A planning subcommittee for the retreat will be formed at the October 2015 meeting.
- The annual retreat will be scheduled for October 2016. This retreat will include new members of the pastoral council.

5. Announcements & New Items

- No announcements or new items were discussed.

6. Closing Prayer: Deborah Olley Murphy