

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 19, 2016  
West Room

Attendees: Father Bob VerEecke, S.J, Pastoral Council members Jack Schmitt (Chair), Adel O'Regan (Vice Chair), Stephen Alfieri, Kathleen Cagnina, John Karle, Bob Lepisko, Charles Mileski, Debbi Olley Murphy, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe

Absent: David Pais

1. Opening Prayer: Debbi Olley Murphy

2. Pastor's Report

- Father Bob is spending time getting to know the liturgical life of the parish. In addition to Father Sean Toole, visiting priests Father Sam Sawyer and Father Jim Miracky have been saying Masses. Father Sean is also celebrating several weddings at Xavier.
- Father Bob is working closely with Luz Marina Diaz on RCIA, as well as Family Faith.
- The Spiritual Director Formation Program is in place at Xavier. Funding has been approved for the first year; the biggest issue at the moment is getting faculty in place. A coordinator, Bob Choiniere, is in place.
- Father Bob will be attending a pastors' collaborative on LGBT issues this coming Friday, September 23, with Ed Poliandro. He has also attended his first West Side Deanery meeting; programming that includes interfaith dialogue, specifically with Islam, will be featured in the upcoming year.
- Father Bob has had a productive meeting with Jack Raslowsky, president of Xavier High School. Jack has been very positive about sharing the high school's space with St. Francis Xavier.
- There has also been a meeting scheduled with the representative from Winston Prep to discuss lease renewal.
- Father Bob will meet with a detective to discuss some neighbors' complaints about the Welcome Table guests.
- Father Bob is committed to ongoing communication with parishioners; to that end, he has begun sending emails via Constant Contact.

3. Report of Retreat Team

- The subcommittee that is planning the Pastoral Council's fall retreat (September 30-October 2) reported on various details and progress. All members of the Council will receive an agenda ahead of the retreat.

4. Report on Election Season Prayer Services

- Prayers services committed to focusing on this year's presidential election have been scheduled. Various ministries will lead the services; information is available in the bulletin. There has been an enthusiastic response from Xavier's ministries about this; it was first suggested at the Gathering of Ministries in May 2016.

5. Planning for New Parishioner Coffee Hour on September 25

- Planning continues apace; the Council will provide a flip chart so parishioners can voice their thoughts/concerns prior to the Council's retreat.

6. Calendar Update

- At the retreat, the Council will decide on whether to hold a monthly meeting in October, as that is the same month of the retreat.

7. Update on Ignatian Spirituality Initiatives

- This is a very high priority for Father Bob; the Council discussed how important it is for parishioners, especially those who are new to the parish, to have an understanding of Ignatian spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises.

8. New Business/Review of Meeting

- In advance of the Pastoral Council retreat, the Vice Chair and the Secretary explained what these two positions entail. Both positions will be part of the discernment process.

9. Closing Prayer: Debbi Olley Murphy