

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2016
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, Bob Lepisko, Deborah Olley Murphy, David Pais

1. Prayer: Patricia Dahl

2. Transition Planning

- Father Peter Fink's final day at Xavier will be Sunday, June 12; Father Marina's final day will be Thursday, June 30, and Xavier's new pastor, Father Robert VerEecke, will arrive on August 15 (though the official date of the transition is July 1).
- In the interim, Father Sean and Kevin Spinale (who will be at Xavier from June 22 through August 16) will be at Xavier, with Father Thomas Feely, S.J., currently interim pastor at St. Ignatius on Park Avenue, serving as an ecclesiastical guide for the Xavier priests.
- Father VerEecke will be at Xavier from Saturday, May 7 until Monday, May 9; Father Marina intends to have him meet with trustees, staff, and the chairs of the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council.
- To prepare him, the new pastor will receive a variety of documents, including the *Making All Things New* report and reports from both Xavier Mission and the heads of Xavier's various ministries. He will also receive job descriptions for the staff.
- Father VerEecke will attend the Gathering of Ministries on Monday, May 9.

3. Pastor's Report

- Father Marina reviewed the successful Ministry Fair/Celebration of Service (which resulted in more than 50 people expressing interest in various ministries); he recommended that, going forward, we have a larger, more involved event specifically meant to thank all of Xavier's volunteers.
- Father Marina also mentioned the vow renewals that those in religious life undertook at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 17, and how moving it was.
- Ed Poliandro of Gay Catholics made a presentation to the West Side Deanery recently about gay Catholics and their families; it is the hope that Xavier and other parishes will communicate to the chancery the need for pastoral care for the LGBT community.

- Father Marina asked for, and received, feedback about the Triduum from the Pastoral Council.

4. Planning for the Celebration of Father Marina and Father Peter

- The party, open to all parishioners as well as the Jesuit community and administrators and faculty of St. Francis Xavier High School, will be on Saturday, May 21 at 6 p.m. It is our hope to hold the party in the high school's quad, and a planning committee of Pastoral Council members (Adel, Kathleen, David and Bob) has been formed. The committee will also include volunteers who have expressed an interest in helping to plan the celebration.

5. PC/Chair/Vice Chair Selection Process

- As indicated in prior minutes, the Pastoral Council selection process for three new members will take place on the first two Mondays of June (June 6 and 13); the Pastoral Council has been charged with giving serious thought to those parishioners who may want to present themselves for a role on the council.
- Announcements about the process will be placed in the bulletin starting with the second Sunday in May, with Pastoral Council members addressing the congregation at all Masses the weekend of May 21-22.
- As Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, Jack Schmitt and Adel O'Regan will discuss their roles with the Pastoral Council at the May meeting, with the selection of Pastoral Council Chair and Vice Chair slated for the July meeting.

6. Gathering of Ministries

- The Gathering of Ministries will take place on Monday, May 9 in the Mary Chapel, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As in prior years, this is an opportunity for the leadership of the ministries to come together and discuss their activities and goals. Father Marina will welcome the group, followed by Jack Schmitt, and Father VerEecke will be invited to speak at the close of the gathering.
- It was agreed that the overarching theme for the year for the ministries to build their programming around would be refugees.

7. Update on Ignatian Spirituality Initiatives

- The subcommittee is pursuing the possibility of recording examens on YouTube for a wide audience; it also hopes to follow up with St. Ignatius of Baltimore for any suggestions or recommendations.
- Since Father VerEecke has worked to instill strong Ignatian spirituality in his longtime parish, the subcommittee will also look forward to working with him on suggestions and ideas.

8. Announcements and New Items

- No new items.

9. Closing Prayer: Patricia Dahl