

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 3, 2017  
Jesuit Residence

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, David Pais, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe

1. Opening Prayer: Stephen Alfieri
2. Pastor's Report
  - Father Bob asked the Pastoral Council for feedback on their Lenten experience at Xavier thus far.
  - A good number of people of parishioners have approached the baptismal font during the Lenten season to see the elements of earth, fire, water and air that are based on the Scriptural passages for Lent.
  - Father Bob mentioned that he would like all parishioners to have an opportunity to participate in supporting those who are completing the RCIA program around Eastertide. As it stands now, this happens primarily at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.
  - Father Sean Toole will be leaving Xavier Sunday, June 25. The Pastoral Council has begun an initial discussion of how to celebrate Sean and his invaluable service to the parish.
  - Father Bob also mentioned that there had been a day of prayer at Xavier for Notre Dame alumni; a similar day is planned for alumni of Boston College.
3. Status of Listening Sessions
  - The first two listening sessions, scheduled during Lent, are going well, with about 12 participants involved. For the most part, people have discussed how they can talk to relatives and friends who don't necessarily share their progressive viewpoints.
  - The final two sessions will be held after Easter.
4. Report on Upcoming Immigration Forum

- Father Bob has met with Father Julian of St. Francis of Assisi parish, who will be overseeing the forum on Wednesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. This forum is in direct response to the parish's stated interest in advocacy for immigrants and refugees.

5. Plan for Promotion of Ministries

- Pastoral Council Vice Chair, Adel O'Regan, presented a proposal that would allow Xavier ministries more of a forum to publicize what they do to the parish at large. Accordingly, she will contact the ministry leaders and outline the proposal to them.

6. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Hour

- Plans for the coffee hour, sponsored by the Pastoral Council, continue apace. Members of the council will call new parishioners ahead of time and invite them to the coffee hour, which will be held after the 11:30 Mass.

7. Pastoral Council Member Selection Process

- There will be three open slots on the council as of September 2017, and the council discussed plans for the discernment sessions, which will be held the first two Mondays in June.
- As has been the case in the past, representatives of the Pastoral Council will address the parish during all Masses the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, to encourage interested parishioners to put their names forth.

8. Rescheduling Gathering of Ministries and May Pastoral Council Meeting

- The Gathering of Ministries will be held on Monday, May 1, while the May Pastoral Council meeting will be moved to the following Tuesday, May 9.

9. Closing Prayer: Stephen Alfieri