

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
09 December 2025**

Meeting opened

- Opening prayer - Father Bala
- In attendance:

Fr. Balachandra Miriyala	Present	Mike Keohane (27)	Present
Todd Giefer, President (26)	Present	Laura Mack (27)	Absent
Van Bert, Vice President (27)	Absent	Jon Smrtic (26)	Present
Stephanie Pierce, Secretary (26)	Absent	Jeannine Edmonds, Finance Council	Present
John Beshenich (28)	Absent	Carolyn Klemp, Business Manager	Absent
Marty Brown (26)	Absent	Joan Leonard, Dir of Liturgical Music	Present
Glenn Dreiling (28)	Absent	Carrie Mathews, PLC	Present
Julie Foresee (28)	Present	McKinzie Murley, Director RE/Youth	Present
Katie Frandsen (27)	Present		
Gary Jones (28)	Present		

1. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes - no objections, approved.
2. Old business:
 - a. Xavier School Board:
 - 156 students; budget is 80% salaries; 2% increase each year across the board.
 - There are still concerns about Xavier families that are not contributing while claiming affiliation with St. Francis to get discounted tuition. This should be addressed with families in September, now is not the time of year to contact them. Mike will get the names of families that belong to the parish; Father wants to meet with nonactive members. If they do not respond they will be told that the discount will be discontinued.
 - Moving forward, we should receive a list of members in August, then letters go out in September outlining the consequences of being a nonactive member.
 - Bus for youth was used once and was successful.
 - b. Building Committee/Capital Campaign:
 - Lagging behind with cash. \$682,488 has been pledged - have to have ½ of the cash in the bank to start remodel.
 - Bill is very positive towards our progress, approximately \$119,000 in cash has already been received.
 - Meeting with city to talk about code compliance.

- Campaign will be suspended for February - parishioners can still contribute after that date, we just can't talk to them about the campaign due to the Archbishop's Call to Share.
- c. CPR Training:
- 30+ people from our parish attended the trainings
 - We still don't have an usher at every mass that is CPR trained.
- d. Presbyteral Council / Archdiocese Synod
- Father reported the update: needed a technical person to be in contact - we have to speak at every meeting, and everyone will be listening.
 - All parishes will be attending. Everyone can be seated in the parish hall, will need snacks; all parishes will need to contribute; a number of participants will be needed.
 - Todd recommends an RSVP by 1/25/26. Meeting dates are 2/3/26, 8/25/26, and 11/10/26.
3. Organization Requests/Updates/Reports:
- a. Bala Bash:
- All signup sheets are out.
 - Ticket sales start in January on the 10/11th. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis and will be ~~\$50/ticket~~ \$40/ticket (due to lower cost from the food vendor).
 - People will be able to buy a table, 4 or 5 will be available on the altar area.
 - Right now we're saying the funds will go towards the General Needs of the Parish; waiting to see how offertory changes with the Capital Campaign going on.
- b. Altar Society
- Saturday's brunch was fun and very social. 25 people attended.
 - Trying to rally "altar angels" for cleaning of the altar area on Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
 - There will be a St. Joseph table on March 18, 2026.
 - Selling cookbooks for youth group, bake sale.
- c. Liturgical Committee:
- Starting in January the schedule will be:
 - 1st Sunday of the month - Donut Sunday
 - 2nd Sunday of the month - Adoration
 - 3rd Sunday of the month - Youth mass
- d. Finance Committee:
- monthly financials were sent out, any questions can be directed to Carolyn.
- e. Religious Education
- Looking for a new youth minister - looking at local parish members, may post position.

4. Calendar Forecast:
 - a. The calendar is always available on the website.
 - Nativity blessing on the 14th.
 - Next Monday is Xavier's Christmas party.

5. New Business:
 - a. Upcoming events/issues:
 - Inclement weather policy needs to be reviewed. How do we get the information out? Need a consistent message. If the Church/Office is closed than everything else will be closed.

6. Next Meeting: 13 January 2026

Meeting closed.