

## Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes

September 12, 2022 7:00 PM

**Attending:** Fr. Michael, Fr. Lucas, Patrick Chester, Barbara Cole, Rob Kachmar, Monte Hauserman, Greg Polito, Steve Welsh, Greg Humenesky, Tyson Theilen, Julia Beckley, Ivan Calil, Richard Frasco, Lora Villarreal, Leo Malo, and Harry Kaplun

**Absent:** Steve Wyse and Fernando Blanco

**Opening Prayer:** Monte

### General

- New PAC Member Applications
  - We've sent no emails solicitations for applications, but it's posted on the website.
  - We've already received one application.
  - Applications are due by Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chester Introduction
  - It's his 5<sup>th</sup> year in formation and will be spending this academic year with POP.
  - He is Dallas born and raised, graduating from Jesuit and A&M.
  - He spent some time at the University of Dallas
  - He's now at Notre Dame seminary in Louisiana, which is like Vu and other seminarians who have come to POP.
- The group decided the next PAC meeting will be in-person on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Pastor's Report: *Fr. Michael reported*

- Steel Signing Event
  - On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, parishioners can sign one of the steel beams, enshrining their names into the skeleton of the site.
  - Parishioners will be able to walk into the gutted church and see a projected image of the future dove mosaic, along with meeting the artist.
- Construction Update
  - December 2023 is the target date for completing phase 3 and phase 1a.
  - The school wing opened after receiving our occupancy permit just 4 days before school started.
  - We still have a punch list of about 200 items.
  - Some new offices are available, and we will be temporarily using some of the future youth ministry huddle rooms as offices as well.
  - Most employees are continuing to work from home with the Trello accountability program.
  - We've already raised about \$1m out of the \$4m we need for the artwork, and that was just from some soft selling so far.
- Josh Schwartz
  - We discussed having Josh Schwartz, Director of Ministries, joining our PAC meetings to help facilitate various questions we have as a group.
  - Everyone agreed it would be a good idea for him to attend.
- Personnel

- Peyton Self, Facilities Director, provided his 2-weeks' notice to pursue some construction opportunities in Oklahoma and North Texas.
  - He's served us well and we wish him well in his new endeavors.
  - It's an unexpected scramble for us to fill the vacancy, but we have Michael Flannigan stepping up until we fill his position.
  - Kevin Byrd has also stepped into help with the HVAC integration between the old and new construction.
  - Additionally, Fr. Michael was the Facilities Manager at St. John in Terrell, so he's not panicking.
  - The position is posted on the Diocesan site and Indeed.
- Faustin Weber will be the new president at the POP school with a start date of October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Mo Bass took a position at St. Anne in Coppell, so we're looking for her replacement as well.
- Discussion took place regarding a recent incident that went viral on the internet linking Bishop Link HS and Prince of Peace Parish to an individual in the video.
- Suggestion Box
  - Nothing from parishioners, only troll activity related to the viral online video.

## **Facilities and Finance**

- *Facilities – Harry reported*
  - Everything is moving along as planned with construction, and we are managing all the issues as they come.
  - Things were accelerated as we approached the start of school, and it paid off with our occupancy permit.
  - The October 8<sup>th</sup> Steel Signing is an event you won't want to miss.
  - The Columbarium was opened the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

## **Pillar Subcommittee Reports:**

- *Communications and Technology – Julia reported:*
  - Our Facebook page went down, and we're now looking to get it back up.
  - Our name was definitely in the press recently.
  - Julia proposed we revisit the yard sign proposal
    - Fr. Michael is all for it if everyone wants to move forward
  - Fr. Michael also mentioned that POP is now a sponsor of the Plano Turkey Trot, which is just another part of our efforts to be more involved in the community
- *Young Church and Young Adults – Ivan reported*
  - The Fall Kickoff this past weekend had good attendance.
  - The group is focused on adding more high schoolers because of confirmation.
  - The group is also working on incorporating 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Young Adult is a lot more active, so now they are trying to get more of them into leadership roles with the group to support the numbers.

- *Children's Education/POP School – Ivan reported*
  - The Annual Fund Raiser is going on this month.
    - The target \$1,400 per child.
  - The new president is starting in October.
  - Julia mentioned that POP Dads seems to be in limbo with the former leader having had a graduating student.
  
- *Worship and Eucharistic Adoration – Monte reported*
  - Marriage ministry is kicking off Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Alpha is coming up Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Foundations begins Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, which is a 7-week course for Catholics that regularly attend mass but are not confirmed.
  - We have 4 catechumens and 5 candidates.
  - Children's Liturgy has 261 kids signed up, which is the most ever.
    - Several parishes around the diocese stopped their programs in favor of family catechesis, which likely accounts for the increase in participants. It's also great that POP is still providing the ministry for families that still prefer it.
  - Catechesis of the Good Shepard (CGS)
    - Lane agreed to craft the items, since he's a woodcrafter.
    - We will make the new nursery be the atrium for CGS once it's ready next year.
    - Some parishioners are going to the All Saints CGS program currently.
  - The choir is open again, back as of Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.
  
- *Pathfinders – Steve reported*
  - The group participated in the monthly service day for Respect Life Ministry, visiting expectant mothers to help with food and landscaping.
  - They will be helping with Streetside Showers for the Homeless at the Dart station on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> they be participating in Random Acts of Kindness (RAK), as part of finding Calcutta.
  - In November, the group will be partnering with Minnie's Food Pantry to help with their Thanksgiving food line, where we served over 4K dinners last year.
  - Michael Muldowney will be hosting an event for the Service and Outreach Community
    - They want to get more parishioners involved.
    - Their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is planned for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Barbara is planning to attend and suggests that anyone else in a ministry attend as well.
  
- *Outreach – Lora reported*
  - We have no update on St. Vincent de Paul with Fernando out.
  - We are working on the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Military Care Package Drive, and all the information is in the bulletin.
  
- *Discipleship – Greg P. reported*
  - 200 people attended the most recent event, broken into groups of 12, with a couple of adults leading each.
  - We need more adults to help, and it only requires a 1-day training.

- *Knights of Columbus – Rich reported*
  - On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we had the 2nd annual Catholic Bowl, with various high schools playing at the Star. The Knights served over 200 people that played football in the event.
  - On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we served over 350 meals at our monthly breakfast, which was a new record.
  - We also had some Knights stay after breakfast to help cook hot dogs and burgers for the youth event.
  - We have the Hike for Life coming up on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - We also have Fall Fun Bingo coming up on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - The next breakfast will be Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Prayer:** Chester

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in-person at POP