

**Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes**  
**January 16, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Attending:** Fr. Lucas, Monte Hauserman, Ivan Calil, Rob Kachmar, Barbara Cole, Greg Humensky, Greg Polito, Harry Kaplun, Tyson Theilen, Steve Wyse, Barbie Fitzgerald, and Anika Garcia

**Absent:** Fr. Michael, Patrick Chester, Julia Beckley, Steve Welsh, Emily Krivacek, Amy Biedermann

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Lucas

**General**

- Gospel Reading – Mathew 4:12-23
  - Monte posed the question: How could they make this leap to drop everything and follow Jesus?
  - The group discussed how being in the presence of Jesus must have been extremely compelling.
- Paper Tithing Envelopes
  - Monte investigated the possibility of discontinuing paper tithing envelopes to parishioners that didn't use them but found out it's either all or nothing; either everyone gets envelopes, or no one gets them.
- TV Monitor in the Cana Center
  - Monte suggested that we may not be fully utilizing the resource for evangelizing. The potential challenge is that the school has complete control over the monitor. He recommended that Dan and the Grand Knight work with the school about sharing usage.
  - Steve W.: The person who has authorization over the monitor is likely going to want assurances that it will be utilized appropriately.
  - Greg H.: It's mainly down to a training issue, to ensure it's used properly.
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> is the weekend of the Bishop's Annual Appeal
- Discussion about waning community participation
  - Barbara: Before the media of today, people had to come to groups. It may just be a new grounding since they can get answers they need at their fingertips.
  - Monte: People need to remember that there is a lot of bad stuff among the good stuff. However, there's just nothing that can match the experience of participating in Mass.
  - Fr. Lucas: Faith is never individual. If not brought into the body of Christ, it's not fully experienced. What are we doing to lead from the intellectual to the spiritual? There are gaps when youths leave high school and parish programs.

- Barbara: Something is missing to gather up those lost in the gaps
- Barbie: Parents and grandparents, talk to her all the time about how their kids left the church during their break-ups. They wished they would have brought their kids to church and more events like they see Barbie doing with her children. Ultimately Jesus helped Barbie through her life's challenges, and she's just making sure her children know He's there to help them as well.

**Pastor's Report:** *Monte reported*

- Sacramental Update
  - We still experienced robust attendances at the Christmas masses despite the gym environment. We typically have around 1,200 attending weekly Sunday masses, but we had 2,000 at the Christmas masses; overflow was handled in the Cana Center.
  - Fr. Lucas is the Director of Liturgy, and he is working with Maritta to refresh the skills of our lectors, ushers, Extraordinary ministers, and servers.
- School Update
  - 8 – 10 new students this semester
- Staff Update
  - Josh Schwartz accepted a position at St. Ann Parish in Coppell as their Director of Adult Ministry. We piggy backed on the last KoC's Breakfast to thank him for 10 years of service at POP.
  - Fr. Michael had offered Josh a newly created position of Director of Development, which will assist with securing funding for the remaining parish artwork. On that note, the Holy Spirit "Dove" mosaic for the cupola is fully funded and now on order.
  - The position of Director of Pastoral Ministries has now been eliminated, which will allow Fr. Michael to be more directly involved in the management of the ministries.
  - A new organizational chart will be forthcoming, but the main change is that Michael Muldowney, Erin Ford, Sue Mann, and Tori Harris will now report directly to Fr. Michael.
  - We are looking for a new Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry, which Mo Bass vacated last summer; they will report to Erin Ford.
- Finances
  - Sunday collections are on par with the past, post-Covid, collections
  - We are ½ way through the fiscal year and \$70K behind
- Facilities
  - 4 classrooms were impacted due to a coil bursting in the HVAC system on Christmas Eve, requiring some creative shuffling for the first 4-6 weeks of the semester.
  - \$45-65K expense depending on the insurance coverage of the HVAC unit

## Community Building Ideas

- Monte: More evangelizing through the monitors in the Cana Center
- Barbara: Foster a resurgence of community through a retreat or something like Acts 29

## Facilities and Finance

- *Building: Harry reported*
  - We're on target for the sanctuary to be in place in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
  - We needed art funding for the copula, and now it will be on time
  - We had a lot of slack built in for weather delays, so things are going well
  - There is still a long punch-list of things for the school before it is complete, but contractors are kept on point to get it all finished.
  - We are looking to do some more art fundraising activities in the near future.
  - Everything is laid out on the website for people to identify where they would like to contribute
    - Greg P.: Maybe we need another art display at the masses
    - Harry: Agrees we need to be more public about the art
    - \$700K has been paid in for the art currently
    - The total art price tag is around \$2m.
  - It will take 40 days to install the copula, which costs \$400K and was taken care of with a \$500K contribution.
- *Finance: Tyson reported*
  - Next meeting is this coming Wednesday
  - Contributions up \$12K in December
  - Investment income up \$24K in December

## Pillar Subcommittee Reports:

- *Communications and Technology: Julia reported via Monte*
  - Victoria Gray, Director of Marketing and Communications, will be working with LPI on rebranding, which will be another 8-10 weeks.
  - After branding, she will work with facilities to begin replacing signage around campus and standardizing stationery with the staff.
  - There will be a Lenten Guide coming soon, given the success of the recent Advent Guide.
  - The website has been audited and is now up to date except for the PAC page. She would like to take photos at the February meeting.
  - The yard signs were okay, but most parishioners didn't seem to be interested. Although, there was a mix-up that had them missing for 2 weeks, so they will be stored for use next year.
- *Young Church and Young Adults: Ivan reported*

- The main update is that Josh S. is leaving
- We are one of the leading parishes for young adults
- *Adult Faith: Monte reported*
  - Hearts Afire Parish Program is the newest ministry, which will have a mini-series of retreats starting in February, followed by regular small group meetings. They will be delving deeper into consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary.
  - Adult Small groups are in the works targeting to be launched by the Spring for all age groups, looking to strengthen faith and friendship.
  - RCIA has 19 adults preparing for sacraments
  - Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – The Lenten Parish Mission retreat will be Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. The speaker is Fr. Victor Taglianetti, a Capushin Franciscan Friar. Volunteers are needed and welcome!
- *Children's Education: Monte and Ivan reported*
  - Sunday classes for children continue through April
  - Sue is preparing 80 students for First Holy Communion on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 4 children catechumens for initiation at the Easter Vigil.
  - She has a team of childcare ladies who will be taking care of any childcare needs for Adult Ministry events.
  - Ivan: The POP Gala will be at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum and have a Top Gun theme.
  - Enrollment and reenrollment is coming up
  - Winter gear clothing drive will be promoted in the upcoming carpool lines
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported via Monte*
  - Saturday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, will be the start of a diocesan-wide weekly service outreach to the poor and homeless, Project Finding Calcutta.
  - Pathfinders will be leading a service project for the Lenten Mission on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Pathfinders is connecting with the Young Adults and the school to schedule a service project in the coming months.
- *Outreach: Steve Welsh reported via Monte*
  - The Outreach Committee Meeting in the fall with all the ministry leaders was a great step forward in coordination and working toward getting more parishioners involved.
  - We now have a Parish Service Days calendar: <https://www.popplano.org/parish-service-days>
  - Any service opportunity that invites parishioners will be added to this calendar.
  - There are discussions about a ministry showcase or ministry fair in the future.
- *Staff Interviews: Greg P. reported*

- Finished his last interview and sent it out to the group
- He always sends a copy to the interviewee to make sure he's representing what they say as they intended
- The staff is a little uneasy with Josh being gone and not having those weekly meetings together
  
- *Knights of Columbus – Steve Welsh reported*
  - The KoC really needs access to the sound system to be heard over the crowd in their events.
  - Basketball free-throw this Friday at 7p
  - Wheelchair drive coming up
  - Lenten Fish-fry is under consideration
  - There will be a March raffle for the Bishop's Profile
  - Breakfasts are still covering expenses despite food costs rising so much
  - Lorain Linebecker has been very helpful with our fundraising

**Closing Prayer:** Monte

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the conference room off the gym