

Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes
February 13, 2023 7:00 PM

Attending: Fr. Michael, Patrick Chester, Monte Hauserman, Emily Krivacek, Amy Biedermann, Rob Kachmar, Tyson Theilen, Steve Welsh, Barbara Cole, Harry Kaplun, Anika Garcia, Greg Polito, Ivan Calil, Greg Humensky, Steve Wyse, Victoria Gray, Barbie Fitzgerald

Absent: Fr. Lucas, Julia Beckley

Opening Prayer: Fr. Michael

General

- Victoria Gray attended the meeting and took some pictures for the website
- Gospel Reading Reflection – Mathew 5:38-48
 - “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
- TV monitors
 - Monte noticed they are still not being used for ministries.
 - Michael Muldowney from the KoC is their liaison who has access, so they must go through him.
- Non-traditional Catholic Relationships – Barbara reported:
 - Not a sense of community, with some even saying “you’re not welcome” to divorced people
 - Barbara will be doing a workshop with Fr. Joe
 - Did a Jesuit retreat and learned about a single-parent group in Tulsa, OK
 - Will continue to get more info and pass along to Monte, Michael, and Barbie
- Community Building Ideas
 - Monte likes Barbara’s idea about a Healing Procession
- Classroom Repairs
 - Laying the floor this weekend, so hoping to be finished by this Wednesday.

Pastor’s Report: *Fr. Michael reported:*

- Bishop Burns sends his blessing to us.
 - Put in a formal request to the bishop for a patron saint, proposing Saint Bernadette of Lourdes
 - It would also need to be officially requested by the parish as a whole
 - Others around the table agreed it was a good idea and like the idea of using Saint Bernadette
 - Saint Bernadette was from Lourdes France. She experienced 18 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of them asked her to drink

from the water over in a dry spot where there was none. She ended up digging and finding water, which later became pools that have healing powers. The secular government in France has validated that actual miracles have occurred, even having physicians certify them as miracles. There are ministries that take paralytics to the pools every year.

- Please send any other feedback to Fr. Michael via email
- We would NOT be changing the name of the parish
- Staff Update
 - Made an offer for the Young Adult Ministry position that Mo Bass used to hold
- Finances
 - We're in the black, with collections over budget and expenses under budget.
 - January was uneventful.
 - Fiscal year ends June 30th.

Facilities and Finance

- *Building: Harry reported:*
 - \$15m collected and pledges around \$20m
 - On target for collections
 - Project overall continues to move in the direction we want despite all the recent weather days; no critical dates have changed.
 - Joe and Tom are coming back to help us with the art fundraising campaign
 - Cupola and Dove are on-order and still going according to plan
 - The project is over 60% complete
 - The PAC should continue to show their enthusiasm for this most important project occurring at the parish
 - Borrowing a little over \$6m for construction and none will go for the art
 - The art ask on the website is a little more than the cost/shipping/install of the art. Fr. Michael will send the details to Monte for distribution.
 - \$1.4m has been raised for the art to date
 - We'll have pictures of the new art stations of the cross during the celebration of the stations of the cross
 - Biggest fundraising was accomplished with about 80 parishioners
 - The art campaign will go out to a broader group with more options to give, and there will be mentions from the pulpit.
 - Ultimately, the art can come over time, if necessary. We can still open the church without a stained-glass window.
- *Finance: Tyson reported:*
 - A 7% tuition increase was approved for the following reasons
 - Teacher pay increases projected at 4-5% for the next school year
 - A 2nd guidance counselor position was added for accreditation

- Preparing to take on additional capital debt from the building project
- 45 families have not met their annual commitment for parish donations. There are around 500 families at the school, and about 30 are in non-parish status.
- Officers were elected, and Rick Bartel continues to be the chairman. Scott Bernstein is the vice chair, Brandon Forcum is the secretary, and there were no additions to the committee.
 - Fr. Michael has asked for the members to take on another year to finish out the construction project
 - Fr. Michael and Tyson were asked to have the finance committee reconcile the construction budget.

Pillar Subcommittee Reports:

- *Communications and Technology: Julia reported via Monte:*
 - We've launched our branding project with LPI, submitted our initial design, and are now awaiting samples to begin the edit/revision process.
 - The publishing contract with our bulletin publisher LPI was renewed for 3 more years.
 - The 8-page Lenten Even Guide will be available at Ash Wednesday masses.
 - Victoria is meeting with Faustin and Evan Ray to discuss collaborative communication strategies.
- *Young Church and Young Adults: Ivan reported:*
 - Erin and Malcom are doing all of Youth Young Adult and working on how to divide up responsibilities
 - 50-60 participating on a weekly basis
 - Taking High Schoolers to a retreat soon
 - They are preparing a curriculum to move 6th grade into the group, away from Youth Ministry
 - They are taking a quick trip to Mexico City with a group
- *Adult Faith: Amy reported:*
 - Parish Mission
 - Please wear name tags when volunteering at the parish mission
 - Help is needed for greeting and directing people on Tuesday the 28th from 8:30-9:30.
 - RCIA
 - 6 adults, 5 youth, 15-20 going for additional sacraments
 - The group has been going through a lot lately and has asked for our additional prayers

- Alpha
 - Alpha kicks off March 22nd for 12 weeks on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm in the Cana Center, with dinner, video, and discussion each night
 - Everyone is invited, not just those looking to convert
- POP Adoration Ministry
 - They are looking for volunteers to help with 1-hour spots
- Faith Formation Ministries
 - Alpha, Blessed is She – Lenten Prayer Group, Catholic Book Club, Financial Freedom Ministry, Forge & Refine, Hearts Afire Parish Program (HAPP), It's not about me men's group, Liturgy of the Hours, Marian Group, Pursue Marriage Ministry, Small Faith Group, The Bible Ladies, and Women of Wisdom
- *Children's Education: Anika reported:*
 - They need additional childcare for the parish mission events
 - Anika will reach out to JPPII to see if they can get some volunteers
 - They could still use some teenagers to help on Sundays

Barbie – No report

- *POP School: Emily reported:*
 - The new spirit gear seems to be geared more for the upper school
 - The new booster club is only for the upper school
 - Emily will discuss the feedback with the president
 - POP Gala is March 4th
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - Project Finding Calcutta is a diocesan-wide service outreach to the poor and homeless
 - It will launch a POP service day at 9am on Saturday, February 18th outside the gym
 - This is one of 4 times that PFC comes to POP.
 - It generally draws around 50 volunteers.
 - Helps the homeless in downtown Dallas and the Sisters of Charity serving the poor in South Dallas.
 - Street-side Showers
 - Sign-up link will be available soon.
 - First Saturday of March
 - There will be another service day in downtown Dallas on May 20th
 - Volunteers will be needed from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.
 - We will serve lunch to the homeless and play board games with them.
- *Outreach: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - Worshiping and Adoration – Anyone not in the choir, please join

- We used to have a youth choir at Sunday masses before COVID
 - Per Muldowney
 - Lent guide coming online soon
 - First weekend of Lent will have a KoC Fish Dinner & Stations, Pursue Married Couples Social, and the Parish Mission
 - Family Adoration will be back on the Wednesday of Holy Week
 - Movie Night in early March should be great
- *Staff Interviews: Greg P. reported:*
 - Latest interview is likely to come out next week
- *Knights of Columbus – Steve Wyse reported:*
 - Fish Fry on Feb 24th after Stations of the Cross
 - Feb 28th dinner for the Parish Mission on the final night
 - March raffle tickets for the Bishop’s Pro-Life Dinner will be available at the March 12th breakfast and after masses
 - Bingo in April, after Easter, is being organized.
 - 300+ for the February breakfast, and we’re still covering expenses, despite increasing food prices
 - KoC breakfast will continue to be on the 2nd Sunday of the month
 - Michael Muldowney was Knight of the Month for February
 - Wes and Patty Keller, along with their kids Alex, Abby, and Max were named Family of the Month. They are big supporters of the breakfast and Wes has been our Santa for several years running.
 - Evangelization and Faith Formation Initiative is a new effort to participate in activities for men that involve Knights and non-Knights.
 - Supporting two Special Olympics events in late February and March, with Jeff Flannigan leading the effort
 - Wheelchair mission reports over \$80K raised so far, covering 550 wheelchairs to be distributed in Mexico. Bill Weber continues to do a terrific job.
 - Steve Welch: attended the Dallas Clergy appreciation event last month
 - Barbara: sending a young man to the KoC

Closing Prayer: Monte

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the School Advancement Office conference room