

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

Attending: Fr. Michael, Monte Hauserman, Steve Welsh, Emily Krivacek, Amy Biedermann, Rob Kachmar, Greg Humensky, Greg Polito, Tyson Theilen, Steve Wyse, Barbie Fitzgerald, Harry Kaplun

Absent: Fr. Lucas, Patrick Chester, Julia Beckley, Ivan Calil, Barbara Cole, Anika Garcia

Opening Prayer: Fr. Michael

General

- Gospel Reading – John 9:1-41
 - How is Jesus a pool to wash the mud from my eyes, that I might see more clearly?
 - Amy
 - The process of applying to JPPII and Ursuline for her daughter was very stressful. She had to keep praying to Jesus that they'd make it through, and now their daughter will be attending Ursuline in the Fall.
 - Greg Polito
 - Working through various medical challenges with his wife
 - Steve Wyse
 - He experienced the opposite of Greg in that his wife had to take care of him for weeks after his heart surgery, and he needed to graciously accept her help.
 - Monte: Accepting help in a charitable way is not easy but helpful to all involved
 - Fr. Michael: He can relate. After shoulder surgery, the nurse left the room before helping him with his shoes. So he proceeded to tie both his shoes with one hand. It's hard waiting and accepting help.
- Building Community
 - Fr. Michael: First Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm we will have a healing mass, with the sacrament of the sick as part of the service.
- Amy: Kudos for the new video screens during the Knights breakfast. Maybe we can also get more footage of the construction progress.
- Monte mentioned that Barbie is a Grammy award winning harpist from 2017 where she played with Kirk Franklin and won for Best Contemporary Gospel Album

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

- Sacramental Update
 - The bishop granted a dispensation from abstaining from meat this Friday, March 17th, in recognition of St. Patrick's Day.
 - After careful deliberation with his priests, the bishop is allowing pastors to reinstitute offering the precious blood at Mass, if they wish. Fr. Michael carefully deliberated with his priests and decided we will begin offering it at the Easter Vigil Mass. This will also be in time for the individuals receiving First Communion.
- School Update
 - There are 766 students currently enrolled, and we've budgeted for 775 next year, which Mr. Weber is confident we'll hit.
 - Mr. Weber made a grant request for \$1.1m to the state of Texas for some of the money Biden has been distributing around the country. The request is all for technology, and we'll find out the results this Friday.
- Staff Update
 - We have a new Young Adult Coordinator, Samantha "Sam" Ayers, who is currently with the YA pilgrimage group in Mexico.
 - The new org chart reflects Josh leaving and having all those that reported to him now reporting directly to Fr. Michael.
- Finances
 - Cupola, 3 of 14 stations, and various other pieces of artwork already covered. A committee was formed to work through a strategy on the remaining funding.
- Facilities
 - Classes that were displaced for 4-5 weeks from the flood are back in their classrooms. It ended up being \$75-80K just for clean-up. Teachers still need to submit claims for items destroyed. All told, it should be over \$100K, of which we've already received around \$50K.
 - The carpet in the CLC is being replaced with tile, funded from the school's savings.
- Parish Rebrand
 - Efforts are underway for the parish rebrand. We're working through the latest revisions but getting closer to a final logo.
 - Legally, we are Prince of Peace Parish, even though we call ourselves Prince of Peach Catholic Community. We're deciding between using Parish or Church, instead of Community, with a Parish likely to be the outcome, as it aligns with our legal name, both civilly and canonically. Most complaints about the proposed name change are just about it being yet another thing changing.
- POP Gala
 - The final numbers are still being tallied, but it looks like we grossed around \$270K, and are looking to net around \$200K for the new Media Center (Library).
- Suggestion Box - nothing

Facilities and Finance

- *Building: Harry reported:*
 - We're still working toward the sanctuary completing in December 2023 as well as the community center in July 2023.
 - We have a fundraising committee led by Joe Coleman and John Welsh, which is meeting twice a month. We are planning on having some very public events soon.
 - We're working with the furniture vendor a week from this Thursday, around 3:00 pm. Anyone else is welcome to join; just contact Harry. We only have a grant for \$45K.

- *Finance: Tyson reported:*
 - We reviewed a summary breakdown of the construction project.
 - We're around 75% of the way through collecting pledged funds, and we've had very little delinquencies.
 - Vickie recently negotiated a rate increase in our money market accounts, taking us from 1% to 4%.
 - We've already collected \$58K from Catholic Mutual from the boiler freeze incident over break.
 - As of January, we've spent 67% of the building project funds, which included upfront costs for things like steel.
 - There was an issue with the steel in the chapel, but we now have a solution
 - Fr. Michael really appreciates Tyson's insight into the details of the proposed solution.
 - The original architecture plans had some measurements that were off, and no field measurements were made to confirm everything. We remained firm with the contractors, so it's not going to cost us anymore.

Pillar Subcommittee Reports:

- *Communications and Technology: Julia absent*
 - No report

- *Young Church and Young Adults: Ivan reported via Monte:*
 - Team is growing with Sam's addition, where she'll focus on the 18-35 age range, allowing Malcom to focus more on the middle school and high school kids.
 - Erin and Sam are with a group of youths on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe.
 - The group is thriving with 30-50 active participants across a variety of areas.

- Erin is asking to get more engagement from non-young adults in Sunday Catechism this Fall.
- *Adult Faith: Monte reported:*
 - Alpha starts a new one on March 23rd.
 - RCIA is going very well with a great group, of which several may end up coming back as team members.
- *Children's Ministry: Anika absent:*
 - No report
- *Marriage Ministry: Barbie reported:*
 - The new family ministry is starting, and it will be catering primarily to single parent families.
 - April 5th is the next family adoration, where there will be no worries if your kids are making noise.
 - You don't have to be catholic to attend adoration.
 - Regular adoration and confession will start after the family hour.
- *POP School: Emily reported:*
 - The POP Gala was a success.
 - 7th and 8th grade students are in Italy.
 - 7th grade boys won the DPL Championship for Basketball.
 - We are bringing back the Run for the Stars event in April.
 - The Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser, put on by PVO, is coming up.
 - There is no school the week after Easter.
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - 18 volunteered for street-side showers in Plano.
 - There continue to be more volunteer opportunities available.
- *Outreach: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - A children's choir is likely starting this Fall.
 - A grief support ministry is starting up.
- *Staff Interviews: Greg P. reported:*
 - No interview this month
- *Knights of Columbus – Steve Wyse reported:*
 - Next month's breakfast was moved to Palm Sunday.
 - The last breakfast went well, even though the one after 8 am Mass was a little light, likely due to Spring Break and Daylight Saving. We still sold a lot of raffle tickets for the Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner, and we were able to use the Cana Center monitors for the first time. Thanks to Tori and everyone else who made that happen.
 - The Fish Fry was a huge success with around 230 in attendance.

- The Knights are hosting stations on the 31st, but not providing food; various families signed up to bring soups.
- Leo Malo was named Knight of the Month, and the Oanis were named Family of the Month.
- The Knights will provide support for a Special Olympics event on March 25th, under Jeff Flannigan's leadership.
- Bingo is April 14th.
- Under Bill Weber's leadership, we've already raised about \$90K for the Wheelchair Mission, covering over 550 wheelchairs to be distributed here and in Mexico. Donations are still coming in and welcome, as we hope to top \$100K for the 6th straight year in a row.

Closing Prayer: Monte

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 17th at 7:00 PM in the 1st floor School Advancement Office conference room.