

**Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes**  
**April 17, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Attending:** Fr. Michael, Fr. Lucas, Monte Hauserman, Rob Kachmar, Emily Krivacek, Julia Beckley, Barbie Fitzgerald, Greg Polito, Steve Welsh, Amy Biedermann, Harry Kaplun, Anika Garcia, Ivan Calil, Tyson Theilen, Steve Wyse

**Absent:** Barbara Cole, Greg Humensky

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Michael

**General**

- Gospel Reading – Luke 24:13-35 – The Third Sunday of Easter – On the Road to Emmaus
  - Question: When did the disciples recognize Jesus, and have you ever had the same experience?
  - Steve Welsh – Felt the presence of Jesus helping an elderly lady during the Christmas season, really bringing home the spirit of Christ.
  - Barbie – Felt the presence of Jesus on a recent vacation to a religious site.
  - Greg Polito – Felt the presence of Jesus giving the eucharist to patients at the hospital. The patients he prayed with before taking them into surgery said they felt an overwhelming sense of peace.
  - Amy – Felt the presence of Jesus when she was with her mother in hospice. Her mother’s face lit up and said “the angels are here” just before she passed, and there was a significant presence all around.
- Community Building Ideas
  - Steve Welsh – Big community potluck
  - Amy – In Chicago, they had Beef and Beers, which always went well
- Anika – A good friend of hers and Michael are working on setting up a Bereavement Ministry

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

- Sacramental Update
  - At Easter mass we began offering the precious blood again, and it is going well
  - First healing mass last Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> with around 150 people attending
    - Fr. Michael and Fr. Lucas administered the Sacrament of Anointing
    - Tori and Evan are doing a great job promoting it on social media
  - Fr. Michael is the Dean of the Northern Deanery, so he must go to a dozen Confirmations throughout the dioceses in April and May; he’ll have to miss First Communion masses on May 13<sup>th</sup> because of the responsibility.

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10 am, we will have mass with Bishop Burns to dedicate our new Sanctuary. (subject to change of course). The 12:15 pm mass will be canceled, since the service will be up to 2 ½ hours.
- The bishop was reluctant to allow us to declare a patron saint, but we are allowed to open a devotion.
- School Update
  - POP was granted \$550K for security and technology updates from state.
  - Mr. Weber is getting some key donors setup to be recognized in an upcoming school mass and allowing them to pick a classroom to be named after them.
  - Mr. Weber immediately implemented an on-campus police presence and is researching a long-term school security plan, given the recent school shootings around the country.
- Staff Update
  - The staff took a tour of the new facilities on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - We're on round 3 of the Parish rebranding, and legal has conferred that we are not bound to use of the legal title "Parish" as opposed to "Community" or "Church".
- Finances
  - We're up to Station 7 on the funding.
  - Continuing to work with the "Final Phase" committee to complete the fund raising for the church artwork.
  - Expenses have been kept in check and a little under in some cases.
  - Capital Campaign pledges continue to flow in with minimal defaults.
  - Anonymous donor wanting to give \$50K for kitchen supplies, and he's going to get another donor to help with the cost increases that have occurred on those items.
- Facilities
  - The steel for Phase 1a has been completed and will be going up over the next several days.
  - We're working on getting the remainder of our insurance payout for the classroom flooding that occurred over Christmas break.
  - Tile flooring in the CLC was replaced for \$43K, utilizing the school savings account.

## **Facilities and Finance**

- *Building: Harry reported:*
  - Full participation in the fundraising is important from the PAC leadership for communications.
  - The new steel is now going in
  - The new copula with the dove coming down is going to be very striking with all the light that will be flooding in now that the cloud has been removed.
  - The chapel is an outstanding addition

- The facilities will allow us to expand our ministries and community involvement
- Welcome Center Lobby
  - Furniture pricing will be coming in soon and expected to be reasonable
  - Floor and fireplace stone have already been picked
  - Looking for a striking hotel entrance feel
- *Finance: Tyson reported:*
  - Next Finance meeting is this Wednesday, April 19th
  - 6 niches have been sold, with 33 left to go, at \$2,500 per niche.
  - Our Money Market interest rate increase went into effect.
  - Discussed recent bank failure issues. Laura reached out to our banks to get solvency reassurances, and we confirmed our assets are stable.
  - There was a 0.09% gap between Kevin's projected construction receipts and Vicki's, likely due to excess money received beyond pledges.
  - Reminders have been sent to those that pledged <\$10K but have made no payments.

### **Pillar Subcommittee Reports:**

- *Communications and Technology: Julia reported:*
  - LPI is working on final revisions of the logo.
  - Cana Center monitors are now in use at all coffee and donut events on Sundays.
  - Tori received a new camera to assist with her work.
- *Young Church and Young Adults: Ivan reported:*
  - Trip went well to Mexico City.
  - Sam has been a great addition to the team, especially with her social media skills.
  - There is an upcoming pilgrimage to Oklahoma City for a shrine dedication.
  - Confirmation is coming up in May, with 70 from the school and 50 from the parish.
- *Adult Faith: Amy reported:*
  - A new ALPHA series will be running from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup>
    - It is every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and all are welcomed.
  - RCIA began a new adult sacrament prep group last week.
  - Planning has begun for a 2024 European Pilgrimage.
  - Easter Vigil
    - 6 catechumens were baptized & received their sacraments.
    - Monte felt it was the most intimate out of the 28 he's attended.
    - Fr. Michael wanted to thank Fr. Lucas for helping prepare and going through rehearsals.

- *Children's Ministry: Anika reported:*
  - Sue was looking for childcare workers to help with various events and now she's fully staffed.
  
- *Marriage Ministry: Barbie reported:*
  - Single-parent Ministry
    - We are formally starting in May with a nice and simple meet and greet.
    - People from other parishes have been reaching out to Barbie. She even encountered someone at a gas station asking about joining.
    - It will be announced in an upcoming bulletin.
  
- *POP School: Emily reported:*
  - We now have an armed Plano police officer on campus from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm every day, through the end of the year; this began last Monday.
    - The plan will likely be to continue this arrangement permanently, which will include reworking this high, unplanned expense into the budget going forward.
  - Phase 2 is currently targeted for completion at the end of July, which will include the Media and Welcome centers.
  - We cleared \$190K for the gala, which is up 10-20% from historical contributions. Most of the proceeds will go to the new media library.
  - We received \$32K from the VARI furniture foundation
  - We streamlined the school mission statement for the upcoming accreditation visit. Our new mission is to “form students who are faithful, prepared, and confident they can do great things with their lives”.
  - We've tightened up our official athletic logo and our school colors.
  - Our school web page has had a positive redesign, with a prominent Google calendar of events.
  - We re-started a Booster Club at the school with 3 purposes
    - 1. Bring more parents into the life of the school as volunteers
    - 2. Raise money for our athletic program
    - 3. “Boost” the morale and spirit of the school
    - Mr. Weber has worked extensively with booster clubs and believes it will be a powerful force for good in the life of our school and community.
  - The PVO's largest fundraiser, Run for the Stars, will be this Friday, April 21st, where we are hoping to clear \$100K.
  - Emily will ask about POP Dads coming back with the school masses in the new sanctuary.
  
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported:*
  - Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, we will be at Our Calling in downtown Dallas, interacting with the homeless, serving lunch and playing board games.

- This idea came from the parish mission in February.
  - We need 30 volunteers to share in this rewarding experience.
  - Sign up here: [POP Pathfinders](#)
  - Steve Welsh will see about getting this announced in the bulletin
- *Outreach: Steve Welsh reported:*
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> ever family adoration during Holy week, with Deacons Joe Coleman and John Gorman. It went well, and we are looking to continue the practice.
    - 12 new Catholics entered the church in Easter
    - There will be another group of adults at Pentecost, those who need Confirmation and converts from another Christian faith.
    - We have a new outreach ministry getting started, which will focus on care for the earth; more details to follow as we find the specific focus of the leader.
  - *Staff Interviews: Greg P. reported:*
    - The interview with Michael Muldowney is out for review and will be distributed later this week.
  - *Knights of Columbus – Steve Wyse reported:*
    - Dale Hoelting was named Knight of the Month.
    - Kevin and Michelle Anderson were named Family of the month.
    - Breakfast on Palm Sunday went very well.
    - Many Easter eggs were found on the church property after breakfast – Tyson headed this up.
    - Using the Cana Center monitors has been great; Steve sends his thanks to all those that made it happen.
    - There is still some concern about the kitchen stoves, but it sounds like the new kitchen equipment will be taken care of from a generous donor.
    - We're still counting what we earned from the successful Bingo night we recently hosted.
    - Mother's Day breakfast is coming up on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - Special Olympics Track and Field Event is April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, with Jeff Flannigan leading this effort.
    - We're close to raising \$100K on the Wheelchair Mission campaign, with Bill Weber continuing to do a great job leading that effort. Diocesan wide contributions, including ours, were over \$367K.
    - Our Council is being recognized this week for the charity work we do locally and internationally.
    - Steve Welsh: Bishop's Pro Life dinner had 4 tables from Prince of Peace

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Lucas

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the School Advancement Office conference room.