

**Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes**  
**November 22, 2022 7:00 PM**

**Attending:** Fr. Michael, Patrick Chester, Monte Hauserman, Julia Beckley, Rob Kachmar, Barbara Cole, Greg Humensky, Greg Polito, Harry Kaplun, Josh Schwartz, Tyson Theilen, Steve Wyse, Steve Welsh, Barbie Fitzgerald, Emily Krivacek, Amy Biedermann, and Anika Garcia

**Absent:** Ivan Calil

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Michael

**General**

- Monte's 5-Points Proposal for the PAC
  - 1) Start with evaluation of next Sunday's Gospel for 5 to 10 minutes
  - 2) Invite staff members periodically
  - 3) Name Tags for council members – want us to do more community involvement as a committee
  - 4) Be more present in the community saying hi to people
  - 5) Stick to agenda for our meeting to respect time
  - All were in favor to move forward with the proposal
- Welcoming the 4 new members and brief introductions all around
  - Barbie Fitzgerald
    - Parishioner at POP for 2 years
    - Single parent
    - Cantor at mass
  - Emily Krivacek
    - Works at JP Morgan
    - Parishioner at POP for 9 years
    - Involved in Children's Liturgy
  - Amy Biedermann
    - Works at Murex Petroleum
    - Has an 8th grader at POP
    - Grew up Episcopal until Monte's RCIA class in 2018-2019
    - Transferred from the Frisco church
    - Wanted to join the PAC to contribute and do more and stay close to the community
  - Anika Garcia
    - Has 4 children with one a JP II and 3 others at POP
    - Grew up Lutheran until Monte's RCIA class in 2018-2019
    - Involved in volunteer activities with the school

- Wanted to join the PAC to get more engaged in the community, looking to build more opportunities to strengthen between the school and church
- Monte Hauserman
  - Recently celebrated his 32nd anniversary with his wife
  - Will be focusing on building more community as PAC Chair this year
- Julia Beckley
  - 2nd year on the PAC
  - Originally from Southern California
  - Currently in-the-know with the school, so joined the PAC to balance that with the church
  - Will serve as the PAC Vice Chair this year
- Gregg Humensky
  - Currently serving as the pastoral business manager for the past 4 years as of next month
  - Before that, he had a 45-year career as an HR exec
- Fr. Michael
  - Has been at POP for 1.5 years
  - Glad to be the pastor
  - Diocesan Responsibilities
    - Dean of the Northern Deanery
    - Member of the Presbyteral Council
    - Member of the College of Consultors
    - Board Member: Holy Trinity Seminary
    - Chair of the Priests Ongoing Formation Board
    - Member of the Pre-Ordination Board
    - Member of the Our Faith Capital Campaign Distribution Committee
- Patrick Chester
  - Seminarian, here until May 2023
- Harry Kaplun
  - Currently a Building Committee member, serving as a liaison to the PAC
  - Used to be a PAC member a few years ago
  - Member of an executive committee for Fr. Michael
- Gregg Polito
  - Originally from Southern California where he practiced Urology for 40 years
  - Retired during COVID, so now using time to get more involved in the community
  - Currently the official interviewer of the pastoral staff
- Rob Kachmar
  - Parishioner at POP for the past 8 years
  - 3 kids that all started at POP in pre-K3

- Has been serving as the PAC Secretary for the past two years and will do so for a 3rd
  - Josh Schwartz
    - Work with Fr. Michael as the Director of Pastoral Ministries
    - Parishioner at POP for the past 10 years
    - Has a wife and 7 children
  - Tyson Theilen
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> year on the PAC
    - Parishioner at POP for the past 7+ years
    - Has 4 kids with 1 a JP II and 3 at POP
    - Became Catholic during Monte's RCIA class in 2018-2019
    - Joined the PAC to get more involved with the community
    - Currently serving as the PAC liaison to the Finance Committee
  - Barbara Cole
    - Last year's Chair of the PAC
    - Family attorney, handling divorce
    - Currently pulling her life experiences to write a book: "Catholic and Divorced"
    - Parishioner at POP for 17 years
    - Has 1 son that went to POP and is now with the DA in New Orleans
    - Has been practicing the Collaborative Law Process years and now looking to apply to families outside of legal disputes
    - Also serving as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister
  - Steve Welsh
    - Joined the PAC to help promote diversity and inclusion
    - Currently a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight of the KoC, as well as Membership Director and Chancellor
  - Steve Wyse
    - Founding parishioner at POP for the past 30+ years
    - Joined the PAC to get more involved with the community
    - Member of the KoC, helping with their Monthly Breakfasts
    - Has 2 older kids living in Chicago
- Acts 29
  - Barbara talked about a movement called Acts 29, which is spearheaded by Fr. John Ricardo.
  - It is a parish-based program for the community and priests
  - She has passed along details for the group to evaluate
  - There will be another conference for Acts 29 in Orlando on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

- New PAC Members
  - Fr. Michael extends a warm welcome to the new PAC members
- Pastoral Staff
  - The Pastoral staff is still primarily working from home, but they still come up to stay connected and have meetings
  - We are still managing the team's projects remotely with software

- Construction
  - Rain holding up some foundation work
  - Crane moving the altar needs to be readjusted again
- Art Funding
  - Funding has been slowing down
  - Strauss Foundation is sponsoring the Organ
  - We had one donor pledge \$500K for artwork even though he showed up late to the event
  - The Copula is ~\$1m
  - We're getting ready to move into a new phase of fundraising
- New School President
  - He is a great addition; we really hit the jackpot
  - He has extensive education in Theology and Ecclesiology
  - He has experience starting a High School from the ground up
- Youth Ministry Associate
  - We will be starting the search again in January

## Facilities and Finance

- *Building: Harry reported*
  - The direction 4 years ago was to focus on renovation and refurbishment because parishioners wanted to preserve the history and bring it forward
  - Kevin Byrd was hired on as the PM
  - The project costs have since grown from \$21M to \$27M
  - We currently have pledges for \$21M and approvals for a bank loan to complete the remainder, if/when necessary
  - Mellini and Pedrini, famous Vatican artists, will be the primary artisans, and they will also be providing artwork for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
  - Project timeline is still on schedule for end of 2023
  - Currently focused on fundraising of the artwork
  - The steel signing event was very well received
  - Please send feedback Harry's way whenever you get it
    - Barbara mentioned that she's heard of some donors, who expected to remain anonymous, being upset when they saw their names associated with the Capital Campaign
  - Capital Campaign pledging is effective on the website, but the online platform for giving to the artwork needs work, so people are working on it.
  - The small donor phase of the campaign hasn't launched yet
- *Finance: Tyson reported*
  - Parish Investment Income reported a loss of \$44K
  - Columbarium budget is down \$17K (\$2,500 for each space)
  - We had a September School Investment loss of \$74K, but then it was up \$22K in October

## **Pillar Subcommittee Reports:**

- *Communications and Technology: Julia reported*
  - The Yard Signs for Christmas were approved, and we will be requesting a \$10 donation for each
  - We are moving forward with sponsoring the Plano Turkey Trot as part of our community outreach, and the KoC will also be there handing out backpacks
  - In the Weekly Witness it mentioned that we will now be opening the meal trains for new mothers to the community
  
- *Young Church and Young Adults*
  - We need a rep for Young Church.
  - No update for Young Adults since Ivan was out
  
- *Worship and Eucharistic Adoration: Monte reported*
  - *Alpha* continues to grow
  - RCIA has 3 new couples
  - Children's Ministry is going well
  - Marriage Ministry is having an event for couples of all ranges
  
- *Children's Education: Emily reported*
  - *We had a successful Fall Festival*
  - 93 were out with the flu last week
  - The Spring Gala will be March 4th and be a Top Gun theme
  - There is an effort to restart the POP Dads organization
  
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported*
  - Nov 19th the group will be at Mini's Food Pantry, which they already have too many volunteers for (they served 4K families last year)
  - Dec 18th the group will be caroling after mass
  - There are also several other events they will be participating in
  
- *Worship and Eucharistic Adoration: Steve Welsh reported*
  - *Adoration started an annual campaign to raise \$250K*
  - *They will be sponsoring retreats for both men and women*
  - *They are continuing to improve their retreat facilities*
  
- *Outreach*
  - Need a rep
  - Josh mentioned that they have restructured to have one committee with all the ministries working together
  
- *Staff Interviews: Greg P. reported*
  - Please use what is learned from the interviews to join a ministry and have others you know find a ministry to join

- We need someone to volunteer to fill the position of POP Childcare Coordinator
- *Knights of Columbus – Steve Welsh reported*
  - Tamale sales have already started
  - Dec 11th will be the next breakfast, and POP Santa will be there for photos
  - 300 were served in yesterday's breakfast
  - American Wheelchair Mission and KoC recently visited Sanora, Mexico, south of Arizona
    - Chester went and got to meet the kids
    - They met one psychologist who was supported as a child by the same rehabilitation center
    - Some families had been waiting 4 or 5 years to receive a wheelchair
    - It was a challenge to hunt through the towns to find the people in need
    - 56 wheelchairs were distributed at Sanora
    - 280 were distributed in total
  - There will be a POP School Veterans Poster contest
  - There will be Wreaths Across America on December 18th

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Michael

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, in-person at Maggiano's along with the Finance committee. There will be a wine exchange.