

Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes
May 8, 2023 7:00 PM

Attending: Fr. Michael, Fr. Lucas, Monte Hauserman, Julia Beckley, Emily Krivacek, Rob Kachmar, Greg Humensky, Greg Polito, Harry Kaplun, Tyson Theilen, Steve Wyse, Barbie Fitzgerald, Anika Garcia

Absent: Steve Welsh, Ivan Calil, Barbara Cole, Amy Biedermann

Opening Prayer: Fr. Michael

General

- Reading letter from Bishop Burns about the recent mass shooting
 - Monte
 - Pray how you can make a positive change.
 - As we say in RCIA, “Your life may be the only bible people ever see.”
 - Polito – Our culture is suffering with the family unit under attack, drugs, social media. Children are extremely disadvantaged being brought up in this environment.
 - Fr. Michael – The bishop is looking to re-consecrate the Allen Outlets area. There’s also a gathering of church officials out in Allen on Wednesday.
- Community Building Ideas
 - Amy had mentioned “Beef and Beer” in a previous meeting, and Monte would like BBQ beef and beer.
 - Tyson mentioned that Crossbuck BBQ could probably help if we purchase the meat.
- Recent Confirmation
 - Bishop Burns was able to be at our confirmation

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

- Sacramental Update
 - Sacrament of Confirmation for 8th graders last weekend for 124 students.
 - First Holy Communion masses this Saturday
 - St. Mark is offering the precious blood.
 - St. Francis in Frisco is not currently offering the precious blood.
 - We’re still on the bishop’s calendar for the dedication mass on Jan 7th.
- School Update
 - Invited Bishop Greg to celebrate the last mass for the 8th graders this morning.
- Staff Update
 - In the final phase of Parish rebranding.
 - Working with departments to trim down and be better stewards.

- Thanks to the members of the PAC.
- Finances
 - We have funding for the first eight stations and partial for the 11th.
 - Fr. Michael just got off the phone with an original member that wants to buy one of the remaining stations. In fact, Station 13 sold by the end of our meeting!
- Facilities
 - We're still on track with Phase 3 completing in July.
 - Working with Rich Frasco in getting equipment for the kitchen.
 - We continue to receive pledge payments.
 - The Columbarium is open now and will be mentioned in the bulletin.

Facilities and Finance

- *Building: Harry reported:*
 - We used up all our pledge money, and now we're dipping into the loan to finish the project off, which is exactly what we projected to happen in April of this year.
 - We've put the cap on the sanctuary.
 - We'll be taking out the support poles over the next couple of weeks.
 - We have a separate fundraising initiative, led by Tom Walsh and Deacon Joe with some of the large donors.
 - The school president bringing the donors to the children's mass and taking them around on a tour deserves kudos, as it was well received by that group.
 - Working on ideas to get 100% participation from the parishioners.
 - We're currently at 55% participation based on mass attendance.
 - Holy Cross in the Colony got 100% participation by addressing parishioners as they went in and out of mass.
- *Finance: Tyson reported:*
 - We've received reimbursement for the bulk of damages to the classrooms over winter break.
 - The air handler will be replaced but we'll continue using temporary AC until the end of the school year.
 - Ministry heads are working on budgets so they can be approved by the diocese in July.

Pillar Subcommittee Reports:

- *Communications and Technology: Julia reported:*
 - Nothing to add.
- *Young Church and Young Adults: Ivan reported:*
 - Confirmations are coming up.
 - Italian night was a huge success, with about 70-80 people participating.

- A summer hospitality group for new members is being set up to support the influx of college graduates.
- Planning out a potluck for young adults at the beginning of summer.
- *Adult Faith: Amy reported:*
 - Alpha had its Day Away Retreat.
 - Pray for those receiving Confirmation and First Communion.
- *Children's Ministry: Anika reported:*
 - 6th grade is moving back up with the older kids next year.
- *Marriage Ministry: Barbie reported:*
 - Single-parent family ministry is starting Thursday, May 25th, 6:30p to 7:30p, and walk-ins are welcome. Grandparents raising kids are also welcome.
 - Childcare is covered.
- *POP School: Emily reported:*
 - Run for the Stars was a success, raising over \$116K for the PVO.
 - Grandparents Day was extremely well received, with over 700 grandparents attending.
 - There was no mention of the stations funding effort, so that may have been a missed opportunity.
 - 8th grade graduation will be May 19th at JPIL.
 - 12 students placed in the state PSIA competition.
 - 14 school days left in the year.
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - We are putting out a plea for volunteers on May 20th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Our Calling facility downtown, where we will interact with the homeless, serving lunch and playing boardgames.
 - Greg H. attended a similar event and found it to be a rewarding experience.
- *Outreach: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - Getting ready for the Fall and new facilities.
 - Beginning coordination with organizations we've worked with in the past, including the blood bank and Project Finding Calcutta.
 - There will be another ministry meeting with all ministries in the Fall.
- *Knights of Columbus – Steve Wyse reported:*
 - Our own Tyson Theilen was named Knight of the Month.
 - The Family of the Month will be announced at this month's breakfast.
 - NOTE: The family is chosen from Prince of Peace at large and doesn't need to include a Knight.
 - Wheelchair Mission donations came in over \$100K for the 6th year in a row. The total for 13 years is over \$1 million. A big thanks to Bill Weber for all the effort he puts into this mission.

- Wheelchairs will be distributed in Aguascalientes, Mexico this Fall.
- The Knights Breakfast in May will be this Sunday, which is Mother's Day.
- We will provide support for a Special Olympics track & field event in May, which is headed up by Jeff Flannigan.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Lucas

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 12th at 7:00 PM in the School Advancement Office conference room.