

Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes
October 9, 2023 7:00 PM

Attending: Fr. Michael, Bryce Baumann, Monte Hauserman, Julia Beckley, Rob Kachmar, Emily Krivacek, Amy Biedermann, Greg Humensky, Greg Polito, Tyson Theilen, Anika Garcia, Barbie Fitzgerald

Absent: Fr. Ike, Steve Welsh, Ivan Calil, Barbara Cole, Harry Kaplun, Steve Wyse

Opening Prayer: Fr. Michael

General

- Unanimous approval of the PAC candidates.
- Nov 12th 10:00 am Mass blessing for the PAC.
- Monte called for a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters in Israel, Palestine, Russia, and the Ukraine.
- Barbara will help lead the Dec 7th thru Dec 10th retreat at the Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House: [#99 Renew Your Hope In Christ – Hope During And After Divorced](#).
- A round of appreciation and acknowledgement for the council members (Steve Welsh, Ivan, Barbara, and Rob) completing their 3-year terms as well as Monte stepping down as Chair.

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

- Sacramental Update
 - Received new candle stands, processional candles, and an incense thurible. We had a donor give \$40K just for these types of items.
 - Fr. Ike is out on retreat with some other priests this week.
 - Fr. Ike continues to write his liturgical column for the bulletin and Weekly Witness.
 - We celebrated our first mass in the Parish Hall last Thursday, October 5th.
 - We will move daily mass and adoration to the Parish Hall after our lease expires at the HOGG on November 30th.
- School Update
 - POP received its 3rd Blue Ribbon School award from the U.S. Department of Education. This is a huge honor, which places us in an elite category of schools throughout the country to receive the award 3 times.
 - We were also recognized on a channel 5 news report last Friday, October 6th, which you can see on Facebook and the school website.
 - Ricky Moon is finalizing the installation of security entrance access readers to enable us to move the school reception area to the Welcome Center, which is targeted for Monday, October 16th.

- Finances
 - Things are on track with about 85% of pledges completed from the Capital Campaign.
- Facilities
 - The 1st wave of pavers, which was about 100, were installed in front of the Welcome Center. The 2nd wave of 130+ should be coming in soon.
 - The Dove Mosaic is complete, and the scaffolding will be coming this week. You can see the latest pictures on Facebook or our website under Our Community >>> Parish News.
 - The baptismal font shell has been moved into place.
 - The Mary statue will be installed in the Columbarium along with the original ambo.
 - We have preliminary approval but are still awaiting final city approval for perimeter fencing. The Department of Education is recommending 8ft fencing, which is helping our case for the exception.
 - There is still no further news on the rehab center that is supposed to operate next to our property by the baseball fields.

Interviews

- Nick Passalugo
 - What do you think you can bring to the council?
 - A unique perspective, being a young adult with a family.
 - Experienced in parish leadership at A&M as the Treasurer at St. Mary's in College Station.
 - How long a parishioner?
 - 2 years with POP and before that at Mary Immaculate
 - What do you think the PAC does?
 - Looking at the church and seeing how to help Fr. Michael. Helping with events. Helping with the building campaign.
 - What is your involvement with POP TOTS?
 - Has a 3-year-old but is involved with 4-year-olds to keep his son independent. They work through the curriculum and then adjust with the flow of the kids' interests.
 - Questions for us?
 - What has been receiving most of our attention in the current 5-year plan?
 - Where do you see me fitting on the council?
- Michael Massiatte
 - Why do you want to join the council?
 - Service is important, father was in the military and instilled a personal sense of responsibility to the community.
 - Daughter now in JP11, haven't had the opportunity to help with the leadership until recently.

- Bringing an attorney's perspective to help with achieving goals and minimizing risk.
 - Been a parishioner for 20+ years.
 - What do you see as a 5-year vision plan?
 - See a lot of opportunities with the new facilities. We should grow into the capacity that we've built out.
 - The family that we've built at the school, we would like to build that with the parish as well.
 - Michael's wife, Rebecca, served on the council a couple years ago.
- Natalia Gutierrez
 - Why do you want to join the council?
 - Parishioner for 11+ years.
 - Kids go to school at POP.
 - Grew up in a Catholic house and school, really instilled a sense of charity and community service. Would like to see more outreach and community service at POP.
 - Born in Bogota, Columbia, looking to help give voice to the Hispanic community.
 - Family physician with Texas Health
- Tom McGrady
 - Why do you want to join the council?
 - Someone suggested I might have a unique perspective.
 - His daughter graduated from Ursuline.
 - What do you think you could add?
 - Perspective from a corporate environment background, being a General Manager at AT&T, involved in strategic planning and tactical implementation.
 - Cradle catholic who feels very strongly about his faith.
 - Getting closer to retirement over the past few years and looking to expand involvement.
- Linda Ali
 - Why do you want to join the council?
 - Thanks for letting me be here. Really appreciate what you do for the community.
 - Been a member for 27 years at POP.
 - Rolled off some other responsibilities, which opened some room to contribute.
 - Cradle catholic in the Dallas community whole life
 - Steward for the City of Dallas wanting it to be the best community possible and wanting to bring that same stewardship to the POP community.
 - What are your thoughts about all the changes at POP, particularly in the past few years?
 - We're keeping up with the times with the new church facilities but also getting back to traditional roots. For example, her kids have always been at POP, so they've never used kneelers.

- It's great with Fr. Ike's words of wisdom in the bulletin, especially the bit about being quiet in church.

Facilities and Finance

- *Building:*
 - Fr. Michael already covered.
- *Finance: Tyson reported:*
 - Discussed the Audit Report in the August meeting, which resulted in no particular concerns or recommendations.
 - Welcomed Matt Lemme back to the council.
 - August collections were underbudget by \$26K.

Pillar Subcommittee Reports:

- *Communications and Technology: Julia reported:*
 - We did straighten up the lines of communication with the church and school regarding getting meeting space.
- *Young Church and Young Adults:*
 - No update.
- *Adult Faith: Amy reported:*
 - No update.
- *Children's Ministry: Anika reported:*
 - Sue said she's doing great.
- *Marriage Ministry: Barbie reported:*
 - Socials will resume next month in the new parish hall.
 - POP Golf fundraiser is next week, and it has earned over \$5K in revenue.
- *POP School: Emily reported:*
 - The 3rd win of our Blue Ribbon Award is significant.
 - One of 40 private schools in the country
 - One of 3 schools in Texas
 - To even be eligible to apply, each grade must have an average score in the 85th percentile. Since we are a Catholic school that accepts students who are average and even below average ability, this is extraordinary.
 - Faustin has been a Catholic School leader for over three decades and has always wanted to apply for this award but could never do it, because all grades were not at the minimum 85th percentile.

- Faustin sends a huge kudos to our magnificent leaders: Megan, Dawn, Mary, and Sarah, to our teachers, to our parish families, and the students themselves.
 - Faustin will be going before the city Board of Adjusters on October 24th to request our exception to the 6-foot fence rule, so we can build our 8-foot perimeter fence, which is the recommended height from the Texas Educational Agency.
 - The Frisco Catholic Regional School may be opening in 2026.
 - Rebecca Hammel, our new superintendent, visited with Megan and Faustin to give us the news.
 - It will be large, possibly 4 classrooms per grade. Faustin drove around visiting the site and some parishes in Frisco, and his reaction was Wow!
 - The school will be in a beautiful location at Main and Independence, and the local parishes are impressive and well resourced.
 - As a Catholic educator, he is delighted that Catholic education is thriving, especially in Frisco, which needs a Catholic school.
 - We have 102 kids coming to us from Frisco zip codes and many from even farther north. Since geography “wins” over time, this will greatly impact us. We must put ourselves in a position to find new families to fill those spaces.
 - The parish will also be impacted since those families pay the parish at least \$1,000 annually to receive their discounted tuition rate.
 - Faustin: We are no longer the “big dogs” in the north side of the diocese (if we ever once were)! But that’s OK – it can make us hungrier and more purpose driven! I believe one of the key insights for both parish and school going forward is to be united – there’s no reason to think in silos. The parish’s strength is the school and vice versa.
 - Faustin would like to come to the next PAC meeting to discuss the school’s strategic plan and would like one of our members to be involved in their strategic planning.
- *Pathfinders: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - Annette says we are looking for volunteers for the Parish Service Day Oct 21st. We need to fill morning and afternoon shifts to help with Streetside Showers in Plano. Please email pathfinders@popplano.org if you or anyone you know may be interested.
- *Outreach: Steve Welsh reported:*
 - Michael says we still need a few members to kick off our welcome ministry, so there will likely be a recruitment announcement in the bulletin.
 - We’re planning for our lent mission, being the 2nd year of the Eucharistic Revival. We’ll have some things leading into the mission and after the mission to invite people to dive deeper.

- Honor our Heros is wrapping up their big project this month.
- *Knights of Columbus – Steve Wyse reported:*
 - Happy Columbus Day!
 - Alfredo Gamboa was named Knight of the Month
 - The John and Christiana Stich family was named Family of the Month.
 - Prayers are requested for John and Christiana, especially as they are having some health challenges.
 - Knights from our Council volunteered at the Plano Balloon Festival in September, our annual service.
 - The KoC Breakfast this past weekend had less attendance, likely due to Fall Break for many schools in the area.
 - The next KoC Breakfast will be November 12th.
 - Trunk or Treat will be held on October 19th and will include a canned food drive.
 - A Parish Fundraiser Golf Tournament will be held at Top Golf on Sunday afternoon, October 15th. Proceeds will be distributed to Parish ministries.
 - Wheelchairs will be distributed in Aguascalientes, Mexico, this November 14th – 17th by Prince of Peace volunteers. Anyone wanting to attend (at their own expense) should be making arrangements now. Contact Bill Weber for details.

Closing Prayer: Bryce Baumann

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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