**St. Peter Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 2, 2020, 6 p.m.**

**PMC, Room 1**

St. Peter Parish Council Strategic Plan Mission Statement

*St. Peter Parish is a welcoming community of different backgrounds living the joy of*

*Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Colorado Springs.*

**Attendance:** President J.J. Kaelin, VP Ed Paulovich, Bruce Bishop, John Gormley, Terry Nickel, Paul Zmuda and Father Gregory Golyzniak. Guest: Finance Council President Ashley Fritz

Meeting minutes notes were taken by Scribe John Gormley and prepared by President J.J. Kaelin.

Pizza and beverages were served.

**Father Gregory Golyzniak opened with a prayer.**

**Welcome by J.J. Kaelin**

* We’re continuing to send welcome cards to our new parishioners and thank you cards to parishioners caught doing something good. Many thanks to Ed and Terry for helping with this **Adoption of the September 14, 2020 Parish Council Minutes-J.J. Kaelin**
* Ed Paulovich moved to approve the corrected minutes. Bruce Bishop seconded. Motion was adopted.

Opening

* Care calls-Feedback
  + Some are not coming because there are people not wearing masks to Mass
  + Some would like to have some more separation between pews
  + Some phone numbers not in service, due to eliminating land lines
* Matthew Kelly video review/highlights
  + Good news-Appears that we are doing more than is being recommended

Fr Gregory’s Updates

* Bishop Sheridan’s letter, governor announced that there will be no restrictions in churches
  + Bishop gave a recommendation for a no mask service
  + Our concern-Being careful to ensure people don’t get sick, so we’ll wear masks throughout Masses
* School has decided to quarantine the 4th grade classroom until Nov. 9
* Looking for a new way to disinfect the church
  + The Dr . Joes service is not Health Department approved
  + Father is looking for a UV light option
* Comparing to Poland
  + Small villages have been all quarantined because of the small community
  + Also parishes there were not careful
* Christmas
  + Last weekend was 565 people in attendance at Masses over the weekend
  + Proposal to use the PMC for Christmas services?
    - Idea is to have parishioners watch mass and get communion from the chapel
  + Suggestion to use a QR code to launch SignUpGenius reservations for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses
    - Participation in the PMC will allow people to still view Mass conducted in the church and receive communion in the PMC by clergy
    - Start the SignUpGenius process on the 1st weekend of Advent
  + Mass times are set
    - Bishop is allowing Christmas Eve Masses to start at 2pm
    - Group agrees to keep times
* Funding/Tithing – is still good at this time
  + Paid a good amount toward the principle for the PMC loan

Strategic Plan Session

* **Youth Engagement**
  + Interfacing with the education committee
    - Working with Jilinda and Jessica to pass email messages from Sister and the leadership team along to parents of RE kids who may have high schools teens at home about Savio For Teens high school youth program
    - Leadership Team: Sister Quyen, Mark Ewig, Mark Garrett, J.J. Kaelin and Father Gregory
    - Kick off was November 1 and the turnout was very good. 25 high schoolers attended
    - Ongoing events on the calendar, November 15, November 19 (social), December 6 and 20.
    - Teaching opportunities for the teens
      * Budgeting how to maintain the teen program
      * \*Observation for obtaining Catholic School scholarships – Catholic scholarships that aren’t used
  + Interfacing with the communications committee is critical for the ongoing success of Savio
    - Social media especially Instagram, Diocesan rules and laws apply-J.J. is researching
    - Deacon Tom is the safe environment, now called VIRTUS, coordinator for the diocese
  + Service Missions in the future
* **Financial Health**
  + The app is a significant contributor to engagement with the parish
  + Derek Martin is a financial planner on the finance committee
    - Planning a webinar on RMD and IRA contributions
    - Focus on developing an emergency fund to sustain the parish
    - Doing a YouTube channel on sharing stories and Mass and Youth Engagement
      * Need a campaign for subscribers
* **Education**

Confirmation

* + Jessica reported that the Confirmation retreats were very well attended
    - Cost for retreats were low due to lack of a paid speaker
  + Plans to engage parents in a social setting – intending to this three times a year
* **Communication**
  + Looking to identify opportunities to communicate
    - Estimate that 5% of people may be leaving the church as a result of COVID
    - Create short videos with messages of hope
      * Fondest memory of Christmas
      * Pre-schoolers talking about their stories
  + \*Establish a parish-wide daily prayer time at 3 p.m. every day.

Our meeting concluded with a prayer by J.J. Kaelin.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 6 p.m. in the PMC.