**St. Peter Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 4, 2019**

**6 p.m.**

**Rectory**

*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.*

**Scribe: John Gormley Minutes compiled by J.J. Kaelin**

**Attendance:** President J.J. Kaelin, Bruce Bishop, John Gormley, Terry Nickel, and Father Gregory Golyzniak. Absent-Ed Paulovich and Paul Zmuda

**Welcome and announcements by President J.J. Kaelin.**

The plan tothank staff at their November staff meeting

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

**Adoption of the October 14, 2019 Parish Council Meeting Minutes: Moved by:** First- Terry Nickel Second- Bruce Bishop **Adopted**

**Around the Table Talk President J.J. Kaelin**

During this time, Council members share constructive feedback from our parishioners and staff.

Positive feedback included-

* Music at our Masses
* How welcoming our parish is to newcomers
* Reverence given to the Eucharist
* Openness to parishioners wanting to help and serve
* Parishioners responding to requests from others rather than just the pastor
* Pleased to see third graders who have received their First Communion now serving as altar servers

Constructive discussion included-

* + Difficulty understanding some of our younger children reading Scripture during the weekday Tuesday morning Mass
  + Suggestion was made to provide reflective music rather than the congregation singing a second Communion song during our weekend Masses
  + Suggestion to consider asking comments from our Parish Council meeting minutes
  + Questions have been received about how much our tithing goes towards settlements and legal fees surrounding the church’s sexual by some of the leadership in the past. Father Gregory responded by saying “Unequivocally none.”
  + Grumblings from parishioners about the number of second collections
  + Some families are choosing to fulfill their children’s Sacraments then leave the church.
  + Communication between the parish and the school is still in a position for strengthening and improvement.

General input-

The school’s School Advisory Council is preparing for the curriculum audit

The “Faustina” movie is returning December 3, 2019.

**Father Gregory’s Updates**

*Financial updates*

Currently working on:

* 1. Report of the parish
  2. Report of the school
  3. Report of the Campaigns: Upon This Rock. Returning God’s Gifts (RGG). UCCS Campus Ministry Center.
  4. Skills and Talents

The plan is to publish these reports in the bulletin and on the parish’s social media sites.

*Welcome Committee*

* + In addition to providing the welcome desk during the first weekend’s Masses, we will now hold quarterly new parishioner

gatherings to meet and time for questions about our parish and fellowship.

* + The Welcome Ministry Committee has found the Sunday welcome plan is not as effective as it could be. New parishioners are registering and inquiring about parish activities in the church office.
  + The committee is seeking volunteers to support the welcoming efforts at all weekend Masses each month using that opportunity to highlight ministries available.
  + Provide a post card information piece encouraging new parishioners to visit our website and to sign up for weekly e-blasts and the St. Peter Catholic Church App on their phones
  + Include Parish and Finance Council members and other ministry representatives to help greet

*The Ford 150 Truck Raffle*

* + Ticket sales raised $102,000 minus the cost of the truck.
  + The raffle raised a net of $62,000 for the Upon the Rock Campaign.

*UCCS Campus Ministry Center update*

* + The Bishop has decided not to assess each parish in the Diocese a certain amount of money to help raise funds for the campus center.

*Youth*

* + Our youth are responding to Sister Phuong and her efforts to engage and sustain our youth’s attendance and participation at Mass and in the parish.
  + Sister is using a Salesian Sisters interactive “model” for the youth ministry.
  + Holding on one meeting/activity per month but may increase that to two events pending participation

*Parent Outreach and Education Opportunity*

* + With the encouragement of Council Members J.J. Kaelin and Ed Paulovich, we are forming a parents outreach program (Title to be determined).
  + Sister Phuong has been invited to form an interactive program for parents to attend while their children (all age groups up to high school) are attending Faith Formation classes.
  + To begin late winter 2020 in the new Parish Ministry Center during Faith Formation classes
  + The objective is to provide parental fellowship, discussions and talks about ways to engage, enhance and strengthen our children’s Catholic faith education.
  + The Parish Council may provide names to Sister and Father Gregory of parents who may be best to serve in a leadership role.

*Music*

* + There will be a new Diocesan hymnal available next year, which will be reviewed by our Music Director Jolita Frank and others before we commit to purchasing the hymnals for our use next year beginning in Advent 2020.
  + Our music ministry has its own website to help musicians stay informed of rehearsals, music agendas, music needed for special liturgies, cantor and accompanist schedules and more.

*Peter the Rock Chapel and Parish Ministry*

* + Funds are steady and we’ve raised close to $2 million.
  + Dedication and Open House-Sunday, January 12, 2020
  + Consecration of the Chapel- January 17, 2020 Attended by Bishop Sheridan and Diocesan clergy only.
  + Father is developing a booklet which will include information regarding the Chapel and Ministry Center’s artifacts.

*School Expansion*

* + Reviewing a final design concepts from Bucher Design and alternative designs by another design firm
  + Moving forward over the Christmas break to install the Man Trap at the school entrance by iiCon Construction Company
  + The cost of the Man Trap

*Security at Weekend Masses*

* + Exploring the options for security during all weekend Masses
  + Reviewing the budget to begin the process for Requests for Proposals
  + Ideally would like to start next year

**Strategic Plan Review-**J.J Kaelin

* Reviewed current verbiage of the proposed updated plan
* Will discuss for adoption at our December meeting

**Discussion**

The possibility of a kiosk in the gathering area for parishioners to donate and tithe e.g. St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Colorado

Springs

Recommended we provide an “information” kiosk instead

**The meeting was adjourned by J.J. Kaelin at 8 p.m.**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Monday, December 2, 2020, 6 p.m. at the Rectory.