**St. Peter Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

**6 p.m.**

**Construction Site Tour and Meeting in the Large Conference Room in the Church**

*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.*

**Minutes compiled by J.J. Kaelin**

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

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

The plan tothank staff at their November staff meeting

6 p.m. We began our meeting with a tour of the Chapel and Parish Ministry Center construction site followed by our meeting in the Large Conference Room in the Church.

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

**Adoption of the November 4, 2019 Parish Council Meeting Minutes: Moved by:** First- Terry Nickel Second- Ed Paulovich

**Affirmative**

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

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

Positive feedback included-

* + Good feedback regarding the messages in the Homilies
	+ Parishioners are respectfully engaged during Mass and in our ministries
	+ Tithing has increased.
	+ Our younger altar servers are very excited and dedicated to serve in their roles during Masses!

Discussion-

* It was shared that some parishioners who are giving to Upon This Rock Campaign would appreciate acknowledgements their donations. Recommendation-Talk directly with members of staff recording the gifts to arrange for a statement of some kind.
	+ Difficulty understanding some of our younger children reading Scripture during the weekday Tuesday morning Mass—Father’s recommendation-To invite fourth graders and above to do the Scripture readings
	+ Depending on the reader, at times, it’s difficult to follow the readings as delivered. Not often, though.
	+ Although the music at our weekend Masses is quite beautiful, lately, the congregation is not participating because they are not familiar with many of the songs selected. They are finding some of the selections to be too difficult to sing. Father’s recommendation- Perhaps only introduce one new song per weekend, if necessary.

**Father Gregory’s General Updates**

* **Financial reporting**-Our financial department staff members, with guidance from Father and the finance council, are developing parish financial pie charts to publish in the bulletin and website for the parish to read. These pie chart reports will include:
* Church.
* School.
* Diocesan Methodology and Campaigns (20% of our tithing goes to the Diocese to operate)
* Volunteer and Talent hours.
* **Confessionals-** All confessions are taking place behind screens now for complete privacy. Kneeling or sitting
* **The school’s man trap** will be installed during the Christmas break. Cost was reduced from $50,000 to $30,000.
* **Diocesan Campus Ministry Center**-Bishop Sheridan reduced the Diocese’s financial request for St. Peter Parish to help fund the Campus Ministry Center at UCCS from $450,000 to $266,000 over the next three years. Parishioners already have pledged or donated $199,000 of that amount.
* **Hymnals**- Our Breaking Bread hymnals are taking a beating. Father wants to study the possibility of obtaining hard-bound copy hymnals, which would include all three Cycles of readings and music. The Diocese is offering an option to parishes. Hard-bound hymnal options can withstand the wear and tear our hymnals take and help keep costs down. Lyrics for songs not provided in the hymnal will be shown on the monitors.
* **School Public Relations**-The school has launched a public relations program through the Diocese. There is a team which will be working on these initiatives.
* **The welcome committee** will host quarterly meeting Pizza Nights with our new parishioners.
* **Information Kiosks** to include access to our calendar and schedules, parish news and a donate button are being considered to be installed in our Vestibule and in the school. Parish Council was in favor of this project.

Father’s Updates continued:

*Peter the Rock Chapel and Parish Ministry Center*

* + Funds are steady and we’ve raised over $2 million which covers our mortgage.
	+ First National Bank lowered our interest rate.
	+ By mid-December, construction bills should be reconciled with First National Bank.
	+ There are lists available to parishioners who may want to pay for certain items or rooms in the new facilities.
	+ iiCON Construction Company indicates the project is on schedule and we should be able to occupy the facilities on January 2, 2020.
	+ Dedication and Open House-Sunday, January 12, 2020
	+ Consecration of the Chapel- January 17, 2020 Attended by Bishop Sheridan and Diocesan clergy only.
	+ IDG Architectural Company will credit the church $21,000 now and $20,000 in the spring of 2020.
	+ A financial advisor is studying the benefits of keeping the rights to the helium mines bequeathed to the church or to sell them.
	+ Donor Christmas gratitude and thank you notes will be sent by the end of the year.
	+ Pledge envelopes will be included in the bulletin for Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses.

**Strategic Plan Review-**Ed Paulovich

* Reviewed current verbiage of the proposed updated plan
* Additional initiatives and objectives were discussed and provided
* J.J. and Ed will finalize the Strategic Plan and send it to the council for an email vote to occur the week of 12/2/19.

**Other business-**J.J. Kaelin

 No council meeting in January.

**The meeting was adjourned by J.J. Kaelin at 8:35 p.m.**