**St. Peter Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, march 1 , 2021, 6 p.m.**

**PMC, Room 8**

**In-person attendance:** President J.J. Kaelin, VP Ed Paulovich, John Gormley, Terry Nickel, Paul Zmuda and Father Gregory Golyzniak. Guests: Finance Council President Ashley Fritz, Staff members: Confirmation-Jessica Sanderson and Sister Quyen Pham, Faith Formation-Jilinda Dygert and Communications-Lisa Hawthorne. Absent: Bruce Bishop

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President J.J. Kaelin.

**Opening prayer** was offered by Father Gregory.

**Welcome and Guest Introductions- J.J. Kaelin**

Presentations were given by the following staff members:

Confirmation-Jessica Sanderson and Sister Quyen Pham;

Faith Formation-Jilinda Dygert; and

Communications-Lisa Hawthorne.

Note: PowerPoint presentations are attached.

**Jessica Sanderson-Confirmation II** director responsible for both school confirmation and parish

* Numbers are lower for first year Confirmation this year due to the number being just lower in 7th grade and numbers have been declining overall in the last two years
* We have a few students who come to St. Peter from other parishes for Confirmation
* Vision for future
  + Maintain consistency of faith formation program overall
  + Emphasis on ongoing education for the kids between sacraments
  + Create a culture of learning and desire to learn
  + Be mindful of the need of the kids to be involved in other things
  + Avoid too much online that in person connecting is important
* May 20 at 6 p.m. is the Confirmation Mass this year.

**Sr Quyen- Confirmation I,** **School Confirmation and Youth Ministry**

* Teaching 1st year confirmation students
  + Worst thing “I” can do is to bore the students
  + Thus far this year, the students are visibly happy to be there.
  + Kids thought that they would come to class and listen, but Sister focuses on engaging students in activities.
    - She tasks each group with a parable and Bible citation.
    - They are learning how to find in the Bible and read it to be able to act it out or relate it to others.
  + Kids coming from St. Peter Catholic School are very well prepared.
* Youth ministry
  + Goals are “to encounter”
  + The dynamics of middle school and high school are interesting
    - Middle school youth want to be with the high school group, but high schoolers appreciate the autonomy and relating to their age group.
* Savio Teens (High School group)
  + Name means “wisdom” and “knowledge” in Italian-chosen by the teens.
  + The teens are brought into the planning and decision making
  + Example-Recent meeting there was a presentation by a teen on the topic of social media, was also a discussion moderated by another teen
  + Purpose-Outlet to have fun together, strengthen their faith, games nights, service projects, be together
  + Youth Council-Appointed teens (Father appoints) help guide the activities for Savio
  + The adult Leadership Team includes Sister Quyen, Mark Ewig, Scott Obermeyer and J.J. Kaelin. We grieve the passing of Garrett Marchetti who also served as a Team Leader.
* Service Projects
  + Life Network Family Thrift Store – volunteering one Saturday per month beginning in March, 2021
  + Planned Parenthood prayers bi-monthly-organized by individual teens

**Lisa Hawthorne-Communications director**

- Focus on communicating to the parish via website, emails, screens in the gathering

area, social media, local newspapers, Catholic Herald

* + Design and manage ads as needed, maintain a school page in OCN (our community news)
  + Website
  + Maintains over four dozen active pages
  + App
  + Developer has suggested that our usage is significant for all the apps they manage
* Purchased subscription to Vimeo
  + Cancelled access to YouTube

**Jilinda Dygert-Faith Formation-Directs the Elementary Faith Formation programs**

* Some students are remote, using a Sophia Institute app.
* Liturgical living
  + Creating activities that the families can do to learn about the faith

**Strategic Plan Updates**

* plan for April meeting is to bring updated budget numbers plan for next year to take to the Finance

**Father Gregory’s Update**

* Father has been preparing to provide a weekly Latin Mass after Easter Sunday on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. Mass
  + Resources being procured are being purchased by Father Gregory
* Outdoor electronic sign will be installed
  + Parishioner purchased
  + Hannah Held will be able to update the content remotely
  + 2’ x 4’ in size
  + Will be installed sometimes after Easter
* Preparing for our parish to return fully to Mass
  + Bishop’s recent letter motivated people to come back for in-person worship
  + Have been typically seeing 250 on Sunday, had over 300 this past weekend
* Discussions took place on what we can do to help parishioners understand the importance of worshipping in person post-COVID and special dispensations

Closing prayer was offered by Father Gregory.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 6 p.m.,

PMC Room 8.