**St. Peter Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 1, 2020, 6 p.m.**

**PMC Room 3, St. John’s Room**

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, Scribe John Gormley, Bruce Bishop, Terry Nickel, Paul Zmuda and Father Gregory Golyzniak. Guests Father Michael Holmquist and Finance Council President Ashley Fritz

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

**Father Gregory Golyzniak opened with a prayer** and welcomed Father Michael who shared that he has been assigned to St. Paul Parish in Colorado Springs as an associate priest with Monsignor Robert Jaeger beginning July 1.

**Welcome by J.J. Kaelin**

* We’re continuing to send welcome cards to our new parishioners. Terry, Ed and J.J. sent welcome cards to our newest parishioners during this “Safe at Home pandemic time period.
* Many thanks to all Parish Council members supporting Father’s efforts during this unprecedented time with COVID-19.

**Adoption of the February 9, 2020 Parish Council Minutes**

* Ed Paulovich moved to approve these minutes. Terry Nickel seconded. Motion was adopted.

**Father Gregory’s Updates**

Receiving

* A lot of support from the parish provided, cards and messages
* Positive feedback on maintaining the daily and Sunday Mass video recordings and Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Budget Guest Ashley Fritz, Finance Council President

* balanced the budget
* Submitted to the Bishop
* Removed the salary for the Liturgist (retirement)
  + Spread the duties amongst seven people (deacons, etc.)
* Currently shows a loss

Father Gregory’s Updates continued.

* Upon This Rock
  + People are faithful to pledges
  + Current loan is $2M, already paid $200K
  + New donations continue to come in
  + Cleaning of the buildings has been cut during this time
  + Spending $14K for landscaping in June
* Offertory
  + Online increased 30-40% in terms of who are giving, results in 60% of the donations amount given are online
  + Significant donations have been made on certain weeks (e.g. Easter)
* Trash removal for PMC-reduced
* Disinfection for the church is a service that costs $300/month

Fathers Gregory and Michael have been trained on the disinfectant machine and have been cleaning the church after every Mass.

* Sister Phuong has been assigned to Laredo, TX where she will serve as a school principal, but a Sister Quinn is replacing Sister Phoung
  + New Sister will be teaching 7th grade Confirmation and religion in the School and lead the youth ministry
* Parishioner/Finance Council member Tom Bailey is helping by providing an audit of office and finance practices related to the parish and the effectiveness

St. Peter Catholic School

* Released one teacher
* School finances are in good shape
* TADS (tuition aids service) is expected to provide 60% less in tuition assistance than in previous years.
* Meetings with the Superintendent
  + current plan is for full return to school in August
  + Parent/child decision on wearing masks
  + Teachers will wear face shields
* Parish will provide supplies, gloves, etc.
* Moving forward with Classical curriculum
  + Using the similar curriculum into the Confirmation program
  + Also adult confirmation as an option for Catholics not confirmed
* Safe environment training is moving to a new program called Virtues

UCCS campus ministry center project is on hold, due to lack of donations

Bishop’s news

* Bishop Sheridan is retired effective March 4, 2020; however, he remains the acting Bishop of the Diocese until new Bishop is appointed by Pope Francis.
* Likely we will see a new bishop by fall/Christmas

Priest assignments effective July 1, 2020 include Father Andre, Our Lady of the Pines to Pax Christi,

Father Gregory’s considerations regarding his pastoral responsibilities with no associate pastor at St. Peter

* May remove the Saturday morning mass
* Father Gregory will no longer be celebrating the Polish Mass once a month
* Deacons will help a lot

Deaconate Ordination on June 20, 2020-Parishioner Mike Crocker will be ordained as a Deacon.

Confirmation has been moved to September 2020 due to COVID-19.

Until further notice, it was decided to keep the parish picnic on July 26, 2020, 10:30 a.m. Mass at Fox Run Park. Plans are fluid at this date pending restrictions due to COVID-19.

**The meeting was adjourned by J.J. Kaelin at 7:15 p.m.**

**Next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2020 in the PMC.**

All Parish Council meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month, 6 p.m., unless there is a conflict.