St. Peter Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 7, 2021

6:30 p.m.

PMC Room 10

**St. Peter Parish Council Strategic Plan Mission**

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

*living the joy of Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Colorado Springs.*

**Parish Council Strategic Plan-Target Goals**

Communications Education Financial Health Liturgy Youth Engagement

Welcome and Catch up

All members have accepted Father Gregory’s appointment to serve on the 2021-22 to serve Parish and Finance Councils.

August Parish Council meeting minutes

**Motion** to adopt by Bruce Bishop, second by Ed Paulovich

**Motion adopted**

Election to serve as President of the Parish Council 2021-22

* J.J. Kaelin was nominated and elected
* J.J. asked for input from the council on agenda items or issues to address that may not be on our radar

Father Gregory’s ’s Update

* Feedback from Staff
  + Focus on relationships between the parish and the school
  + Need to remember what our role is as a member of the councils in relationship to the staff
* Establish an endowment and scholarship focus
  + There is an endowment for a forensics lab at the school. Can we make that an general endowment and combine with the scholarship funds so that there can be growth? Being reviewed at this time
  + We will benefit having income funds as unrestricted or possibly designated but not restricted
  + Need to have proper communication to donors regarding any restrictions they place on their donations
* Restricted funds received for a bus
  + Was delayed by COVID
  + Previous bus was up to 60 seats but are currently evaluating actual needs
  + Need to input from the SAC (School Advisory Committee) and school about requirements
* Upon This Rock Campaign
  + We are still in debt, $1.3 million
  + There are pledges to date not yet fully received that will help with paying down the debt
  + Looking for ideas for raising funds
    - Tours of the PMC to bring people to understand the status of the mortgage
    - Reminders-Visual representation of the debt-Vestibule and in our publications-Out of sight. Out of mind.
  + Recommendation was given to set up a committee to help Debbie Dover with running fund-raising programs
    - Fund-raising committee that generates ideas and then as events get identified-Katharine Pietsch has been appointed to execute the events
  + Need to refocus on the campaign and understand where we are in order to focus on the future vision of the school
    - Can’t continue to larger school projects until we pay the debt on the PMC
  + Look at options for engagement with the broader parish rather than just tapping into the same 400 families who are dependable givers
  + New parishioners
    - Need to define what a new parishioner means, how far back?
* Votive Relocation
  + Working to relocate the votives inside the small old chapel in the vestibule
* Project in the church
  + Ministry Head Meeting
    - * To reintroduce the Social Sunday concept after weekend Masses in the vestibule
      * Each weekend to be led by one of the ministries
      * Proposing to modify the large conference room to accommodate a better flow of parishioners
      * Install a second door close to the exit to improve the flow
      * Will remain a conference/multi-purpose room
  + Ministry Council plans to launch the Social Sunday on the first weekend of October

**Motion** to move forward with the of remodeling the large conference room.

Ed offered the motion. Seconded by Bruce. **Motion adopted**

* Welcome center refresh
  + Located at the north entry, currently a lot of paper and often becomes messy and uninviting
  + Has become more like a lost and not found
  + Too much stuff there that no one is looking using
  + **Idea**: Look to open a small Catholic store.

**Motion** to explore the concept of a small Catholic store in the area of the Welcome Center.

Father requested support to decide ways in which to repurpose Welcome Center space

**Motion** to move forward with the study. Terry Nickel offered the motion. Seconded by Bruce Bishop. **Motion Adopted**

* Parish and School Engagement
  + Increase communication and collaboration between the parish and the school
  + Look to set up a recurring meeting between Lisa Hawthorne and the school staff
  + Set up an engagement meeting between the HSA, PC, SAC, staff, FC

Around the Table Discussions

* There have been some issues during Mass with children sharing their voices, which appears to be disrupting the worship environment---Recommendation to address-The vestibule is an appropriate place to take unhappy children when they are becoming uncomfortable in the church worship space.
* Offerings
  + Does 100$ go to St Peter?
  + There is a desire to understand how our offertory works

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. in PMC Room 10.