**St. Peter Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**Time: 6:30 pm Location: PMC Room 8**

**Council Members Present:** President, J.J. Kaelin, Heather Inglis, Molly Ketchell, Laura Resnik, Jessie Kohn, Terry Nickel, Jim Wolf, Father Gregory Golyzniak

**Members Absent:** John Gormley, Father Rajeev

Tom Bailey, president of the Finance Council, was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

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| Agenda Topic | Lead/Discussions/Outcomes | Action Items |
| **Focus Areas for 2023-2024** | **Strengthen New Parishioner Program**  **Strengthen our children, youth and senior programs**  **Further support our Parish Eucharistic Revival** |  |
| **Opening Prayer/Prayer Intentions**  **Welcome** | Father Gregory-  Prayers for: Mikki Burling, Joe and Stephanie Baron, Soul of Liz Wolf, safe travels for Fr. Rajeev, Catholic Education, and the Holy Land  J.J. Kaelin  Introductions and welcome to Jim Wolf.  Katie Williams will also be a new PC member.  **PC Meeting Calendar:**  (Tu) 11/14/2023 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM Changed from 11/21  (Tu) 12/19/2023 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  (Tu) 1/23/2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  (Tu) 2/20/2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  (Tu) 3/19/2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  (Tu) 4/23/2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  (Tu) 5/21/2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  (Tu) 6/18/2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM  **PC Retreat – Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 | 8am – 1pm**  El Tosoro Retreat Center, Fr. Gregory will bring snacks and drinks. Please meet at the church north parking lot at 8:00am to carpool. Retreat will be 9:00am - 11:30am, nice casual attire, bring a notebook if you want. It will be a 3-day program in 3 hours. Fr. Gregory will take us out to lunch at 11:30. |  |
| **Adoption of the October 24, 2023, Meeting Agenda**  **Adoption of the September 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes** | J.J. Kaelin  Jessie Kohn moved to adopt the meeting agenda.  Heather Inglis seconded the motion.  **Adopted**  Molly Ketchell moved to adopt the September 26, 2023, meeting minutes.  Jim Wolf seconded the motion.  **Adopted** |  |
| **New Business** | Fr. Gregory   * **Diocesan Stewardship Program**   Catholic Stewardship Consultants-Nick (Representative)  Fr. Gregory attended a conference in FL for Stewardship with Bishop Golka, choosing parishes that are role models or struggling. St. Peter’s is a role model. Bishop will pay 100%, then ½, then 1/3, then us. Group is studying the parishes that will be chosen. Not about money but stewardship of spiritual life-sacraments, volunteer, ministries, charity, prayer. They provide resources and PR. There will be a team created of St. Peter people to help. What is the goal or purpose? To enrich the parish life-more people involved and excited/joyful and be better disciples. They will come to our Nov. 14th meeting and talk to us. Fr. will tell the Finance Council about it as well.  Terry asked how to encourage stewardship in kids—Envelopes for kids to give offertory.  J.J. mentioned the idea for children to bring food items to the altar steps before Masses begin?   * **Parish Profile**   Fr. Gregory would like to create a parish profile including address, how many kids in sacraments, 3 most important things we want to accomplish and 3 important things you want in your priest. May change every year or as changes occur in the parish. | Fr. will invite the Catholic Stewardship representatives to give a presentation at the Nov. 14th PC meeting.  Fr. will ask Victoria about faith formation stewardship.  J.J. also will discuss the food donation idea with Victoria  Father will email us the Parish Profile document to review.  PC will develop our profile at the Nov. 14 meeting. |
| **Focus Points for the Year: Updates** | Father Gregory and J.J.  **Strengthen New Parishioners Program**   * **Recognize new parents.**   Jessie has a list of 16 new school families. Should we include a small gift, i.e., medals, prayer cards, etc.? Jim suggested they present the gifts/introduce the families at school mass. Next school mass is in January. J.J. suggested the church welcoming them as well.  **Strengthen our children, youth, and senior programs.**   * **Cry room-VOTE**   How many children do we need to accommodate-currently 10-12 children come during 10:30 mass.  Fr. spoke to Brian Bucher, Architect, it will be $600 to draw initial plans, then will decide on budget needed. We will consider renovating the conference room as well, with glass and more accessible doors and a countertop on the outside for serving the donuts.  The roof ($60,000) is now covered by insurance and will only cost the deductible of $3,000; money can now be used for the cry room.  \*Molly Ketchell moved to go forward with the cry room  concept to present to the finance counsel.  Terry Nickel seconded the motion.  **APPROVED**   * **Faith Formation short videos-J.J.**   J.J. is speaking with Victoria tomorrow, 10/25. Videos will highlight Faith formation, canned food before mass, Confirmation, etc. “Mary did you know…?” They will come out periodically-month before Faith formation starts, Christmas time and in May. Broadcast on pre-mass video, website, and e-blast.  Fr is currently doing Eucharistic Revival videos every week.   * **Fidelis Program Update-Jessie**   Fr. spoke with Sr. Pham. She is researching it. The program is 6th grade and up. | Father, Debby Dover, and Jessie will collaborate to obtain and send welcome/Christmas cards to new parents.  Father will be in contact with the architect, Brian Bucher, regarding the cry room.  J.J., Lisa Hawthorne, and Victoria Goetz will collaborate to develop and show these videos.  Sr. Pham will present information at our Nov. 14th PC meeting. |
| **Homework** | Fr. Gregory   * **Develop engaging and vibrant teen programs-How do we increase teen attendance and participation at Masses and activities?**   Molly suggested that Sr. Pham promote altar serving or ways to serve in the church. Currently 65 young altar servers. Must be 18 and confirmed to be Eucharistic Ministers. Readers and choir members are a great start. J.J. suggested a personal invitation. Instead of rewarding them, celebrate-like take them out to dinner. Revisit this again. | Father will discuss invitations for teens to serve, read and sing with Deacon Tom. |
| **Around the Table and Q & A** | J.J. Kaelin, Fr. Gregory and All   * J.J. – Request the readers/cantor genuflect together before the reading and Psalm. * Terry—How do we make more room when receiving precious blood? * Laura asked about morning confession times. Didn’t work in the past, so eliminated. | Terry and J.J. will discuss the readers/cantors bowing reverently before and after the first reading into and after the Responsorial Psalm.  Terry will discuss center Communion flow with Melissa. |
| **Closing Prayer** | Father Gregory |  |
| **Next meeting** | Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm |  |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm by J.J. Kaelin.