**St. Peter Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

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

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

**Finance Council Members:** Alan Feldkamp, FC VP Derek Martin

**Members Absent:** John Gormley, Katie Williams, Fr. Rajeev

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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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  Prayer Intentions were shared, and Father led us in an opening prayer.  J.J. Kaelin  **PC Members’ Lenten reflections:**  Share our Lenten Experiences, what it means to me, etc. for parishioners to hear from the Parish Council Members. Will put in bulletin and e-blast.  Heather has been writing welcome notes to new parishioners on behalf of the Parish Council. Thank you, Heather! Since September, we have welcomed 32 new families to our parish! | Please send reflections to:  [debby.dover@petertherock.org](mailto:debby.dover@petertherock.org) |
| **Adoption of the**  **Meeting Agenda**  **Adoption of the Meeting Minutes** | J.J. Kaelin  Jessie moved to adopt the **February 20, 2024,** meeting agenda.  Molly seconded the motion. **Agenda Adopted**  Jim moved to adopt the **January 23, 2024,** meeting minutes.  Heather seconded the motion. **Minutes Adopted** |  |
| **Father Gregory’s Updates** | Fr. Gregory   * **Please wear our name tags if we are comfortable doing so.** * **Catholic Stewardship Program progress**   The first bulletin letter will be mailed to parishioners. Notice the new parish logo. The Diocese address will be on the envelope because they are paying. This month we are featuring the ministries so people can get involved. Mid-April will recognize special volunteers: “If I can do it, You can do it”. Lou cleans and vacuums every Friday, “doing it for the Lord.” Gage Parish fixed all the kneelers with his own money. Emma-21-year-old in a wheelchair, can’t speak but always smiles! She will meet the school students to share her joy in her suffering. Mid-June bulletin will feature Faith Formation videos and highlights. Mid-September will feature women groups. Mid-December will feature ministries that care for others.   * **Directory Update**   Bettinger Photography is almost done. Over 200 parishioners chose to take pictures, 50 more than the 2018 edition. Will choose pictures for the covers of the directory.   * **School HVAC, water heater, gym sound system and other projects**  1. On Friday, 2/23/24, an HVAC company is coming to give a proposal. Expected to be over $100,000. The school received a gift of $250,000 so will consult with PC and Finance Council for a vote to proceed. 2. Roof: Deductible is ~$6,800 though downspouts may be a little more, the rest is paid by insurance. Pay 1/2 now the rest after completion. 3. We failed inspection due to faulty water heater. The estimate came to $25k 4. Sound system: The Guitar Center will give us separate estimates for school and church. 5. Care of equipment at the school is of concern. How can we encourage responsibility, organization, respect of property, accountability, and gratitude? Maybe through leadership and character development training, establish and post guidelines and expectations, accountability through administrative checks. 6. We are growing with many young families with children in faith formation, for which we are grateful! We can develop some new visions for how to obtain **additional space**. Until then, communication and expectations between the school and church’s needs and space requirements are imperative. Different generation, different needs.   Note:600-700 people use the PMC weekly.   * **Little Angels Room, Gathering Room/Vestibule and Conference Room projects**   -Niche for the votive candles prayer center will be completed by Sunday, 2/25/24. Someone has offered to build a new candle holder. The Little Angels room will have access to the outside. Father will ask the Knights of Columbus to re-landscape an area where parents can take their children to walk around peacefully outside the door, if they’d like.  -The conference room/multipurpose work was started today, 2/20. The Vestibule will also be repainted, and walls repaired. Should be completed by Palm Sunday. Father’s Polish friends will paint a childlike mural in the Little Angels room.  -The Welcome Center will become multipurpose: a transitional office for auditors, seminarian study space, extra confessional. Jeanne Behr will still cover the Welcome Center on most Sundays. There will no longer be items for sale.   * **Pre-Mass Rosary Outcome**   Rosary will be started 10-15 minutes prior to adoration. People are willing to compromise.   * **Property Purchase**   The owners are willing to sell the house to the south of the church. Working on eviction process-may be done by June.   * **Snow removal-**This situation has improved, but staff is researching other companies. * **Church Phone system-**outdated software was fixed. | Wear our PC nametags to weekend Masses  Father and Doug are working with the HVAC company.  All of us brainstorm ideas  All of us to brainstorm ideas  Father will coordinate with the Knights of Columbus |
| **New Business** | Father Gregory and J.J. |  |
| **Around the Table Talk** | All  --Heating/cooling during Mass-allow Mass Coordinators are being trained to adjust the temperature if necessary.  --Circulating fan runs, but some think it’s the A/C?  --Finance Counsel is working on the new budget.  --Our Knights of Columbus chapter is the largest in our Diocese-proud that so many pitch in. Would like feedback on how to spend $38,000 for things that are important to the faithful in the parish. Inform the Knights before June 30. Fish Fries are a social HIT! The Knights are also feeding ~40 students at the Newman Center. Proceeds from this Friday’s (2/23) Fish Fry will go to Mater Filius.  --Pastor and Deacon changes will be announced May 5th and May 25th respectively. Two to three new international priests will be coming to our Diocese. | All give input to the Knights of Columbus as to which ministries or causes may need financial support. |
| **Closing Prayer** | Father Gregory |  |
| **Next meeting** | Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm |  |

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by J.J. Kaelin