St. Peter Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

6:30 p.m.

PMC Room 10

**St. Peter Parish 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: J.J. Kaelin, Father Tim, Father Gregory, Ed Paulovich, John Gormley, Paul Zmuda and Ashley Fritz, Finance Council representative. Absent-Bruce Bishop

**Opening Prayer** Father Gregory

**Welcome** J.J. Kaelin

* Open house for the UCCS campus ministry center, Saturday, March 5. J.J. plans to attend. All are invited.
* The SPCS Gala on February 25 was a huge success. Raised an estimated $98,000 net
* J.J. will create new welcome notes.

**Adopt February 2022 meeting Minutes** J.J. Kaelin

* John Gormley moved to accept the minutes. Paul seconded. **Motion adopted.**

**Father Gregory’s update** Father Gregory

Moving forward with some changes in church staff personnel

* Debby Dover will move over into a stewardship role and part-time receptionist. Currently reviewing job responsibilities. Will remain the editor of the bulletin
* Receiving applicants for the open position for weekday receptionist. Responsibilities will include working in the new Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.
* Jeannie Behr will serve as a part-time receptionist on Sunday mornings.
* Construction for the new Welcome Center is coming along.
	+ Sunday receptionists will answer parishioners’ questions, register new parishioners, sign up for SPIN groups, schedule Mass prayer intentions among other responsibilities. There will be a small store to purchase Catholic items. Hours are 8:30 am – noon.
	+ Brochures, pamphlets and other ministry papers will be placed neatly on the outside of the Welcome Center.
* A number of the 20 iPads donated by the school may be used for registering new parishioners and other purposes.
* Providing a special gift for new parishioners. Will be announced at a Mass in the future

Alms giving for Ukraine

* During previous Lenten seasons, we have had rice bowls but have declined to use these and are focused on our own alms giving

Fellowship Sundays

* Will plan to have one at the end of April in appreciation of our volunteers
* March Fellowship will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Pastoral Assistant

* Father plans to have dinner with our candidate soon to discuss his decision about joining the staff. We’ll learn more at our April meeting.

School Cafeteria project is complete

* Rolling doors were finally installed.

The signage on the PMC has been placed on the south side of the building

* Need to paint the letters black to ensure contrast with the siding

Lent

* Per the Bishop’s letter, clergy and liturgical ministers are allowed to sprinkle ashes on worshippers’ heads or place a cross on their foreheads
* Will extend confessions on Ash Wednesday
* Parish Penance Service will be held on the March 16.

Suggestion box

* Ordered the box and will be posted outside the reception office

Ribbons in the books

* Several people worked to create them including Patty Farley Barker, Sonja Beaudoin, Liz Wilson and son, Trevor, Carla (RCIA), Jacqueline Rafferty, Mike and Katherine Pietsch, Theresa Crichton. J.J. will send thank you cards on behalf of the PC.

Children/Family Welcome Cards

* Father Gregory designed a beautiful card supporting families and their little ones, similar to one suggested by a parishioner and J.J..
* 500 cards would be $140 - $180 printed by Tri-Lakes Printing
* How do we deliver them to families? Ushers will distribute before Mass, as well as at a table location

St Gabriel’s School

* Approved for construction
* How will this impact our school’s enrollment? Many parents are looking for an alternative to public education where Catholicism or religion is not a part of the curriculum or daily surroundings.

Parking lots

* Paving and re-striping planned for June

**Strategic Plan** Ed Paulovich

*In the further development of our Strategic Plan and through our Lord’s will and guidance, what should we be doing to prepare our parish to flourish now and in the future?*

Committee updates

**Liturgy** Fathers Gregory and Tim, Terry Nickel

* Limiting invitations to the meetings on key leads at Masses
* Focusing on Holy Week
	+ Discussing how to handle the gym and the PA system, a continued challenge
	+ The focus of the liturgy committee is to ensure our Mass liturgy is correct.

**Communications**  Paul Zmuda

* No update

**Parish Engagement**  J.J. Kaelin

* Suggestion box will be in place soon to continue our interest to receive and respond to parishioners’ feedback and input
* SPIN (**S**t.**P**eter **IN**terest): Trying to get a handle on it. Overwhelming amount of data from the onset of our SPIN program.
	+ Francine Onofrio is the lead SPIN contact, but wants to keep the amount of work in check
	+ Lisa Hawthorne believes Flocknotes can help
	+ Stopping SPIN on the website and focusing on a refresh launching April 1 on our eBlast, website and in bulletin.
	+ Wine Tasting , quilting and knitting groups are part of the few which we know are still active.
	+ COVID sidelined many of our SPIN groups.
	+ Staff is talking about an all parish Game Night. It was very successful with our elementary faith formation ministry.
* Small church communities, being led by Patty Farley Barker, has been launched where small groups get together for dinners, Bible studies and fellowship.
* Jilinda Dygert will have a discussion with J.J. about a new parent engagement approach in the near future.

**Education** Father Tim, Ed Paulovich, John

Gormley and Bruce Bishop

- No updates

**Financial Health** Ashley Fritz

- No updates

**Around the Table**  All

Fellowship Sundays

* 10:30 am Mass appears to be the best attended.

Maintenance

* Roof of the church is in good shape
* Heated concrete on north side is not working
* Lights in the sanctuary, considering removing the pendants and looking at a flat LED on the beams—Under review

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm J.J.

**Closing Prayer**

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.

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