St. Peter Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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.*

Attendance: J.J. Kaelin, president, Ed Paulovich, vice-president, John Gormley, Bruce Bishop, Paul Zmuda, Father Gregory Golyzniak, Father Tim O’Connell. Guest: Finance Council President Ashley Fritz. Absent: Terry Nickel

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

**Opening Prayer** Father Gregory

**Welcome** J.J. Kaelin

**March 2022 meeting Minutes** J.J. Kaelin

* Paul Zmuda moved to accept. John Gormley seconded the motion. **Minutes were adopted.**

**Father Gregory’s update** Father Gregory

**Pastoral Assistant position** update

-Not in place yet, waiting for the candidate to confirm

* Debbie Dover has taken the role of **stewardship and parish engagement coordinator**
* **St. Peter has achieved 102% of the Diocesan Appeal** (formerly RGG) goal--great job in a short amount of time!
* The **St. Peter Lenten collection** to support Ukraine (small brown bags) has already collected $17K.
* The **Diocese collection for Ukraine has generated over $350K.**
* **Finance council may need to revisit St. Peter staff** salaries based on new salary comps from the Diocese in the 2022-23 budget. Uncertain if this is binding or simply informational guidance.
* The **new Welcome Center kiosk** completed construction today, 4/5/22. Will be open this weekend for the first time. Jeannie Behr and Theresa Elstad will share responsibilities as receptionists, 9am-noon each Sunday.
* **Ordered the parents and children’s cordial and coloring cards** as discussed by the Parish Council. Planning a PR campaign prior to handing them out, but they are available now in a tray mounted on the small wall of the Welcome Center. Printed 500 cards for $200
* **Two iPads** donated by the school will be available for use to register new parishioners, ministry and SPIN registrations and for other informational purposes. Windows of Heaven will provide a brochure for items to purchase until merchandise is placed in the Welcome Center.
* **Printing 50 additional bulletins** due to increased demand
* **The 20th anniversary of our school** will be celebrated and recognized in the 2023 school year. A committee is being established to plan the celebrations. We’d like to have a series of events throughout the year engage children, alumni and other groups.
* **Preparing for Holy Week and Easter**. Retreat for RCIA group, Chrism Mass at the cathedral, Holy Thursday Mass, 7 pm, Stations of the Cross at 3 pm on Good Friday
* **Blessing of the Easter baskets** on Holy Saturday morning in the Chapel, Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm and Easter morning Masses in the church and in the gym at 8 am and 10:30 am.

**School Scholarships** John Gormley and Ed Paulovich

* We currently have 14 applications. Identifying the committee members to review the applications

**School News**

* Our school officials are the vision and mission based on the Catholic classical approach. New accreditation body expects certain expectations for the mission and vision
* Knights of Columbus held the annual students’ speech contest today, which was quite impressive.
* The school musical, Beauty and the Beast, will be held on May 5 and 6.
* The new shade structure on the main playground as well as the pre-school playground is under review. The Torris family has designated funds toward this project. The construction may begin this summer.
* Father Gregory is gathering input about the possibility of school children attending daily Mass, M-F, starting in the fall 2022 based on influence from the Superintendent Sheila Whalen. Father has discussed this recommendation with Mrs. Brook, school principal. Other schools in the Diocese hold daily Mass in their schools. The Parish Council will also discuss this further. Consideration: School start and end of day times
* Father receives feedback regarding some of the children participating in Mass by doing the readings. Not all children are prepared, but this is solid training for the school children’s engagement as they grow older.

**Strategic Plan** Ed Paulovich

Committees’ progress

Liturgy Father Gregory, Terry Nickel

* Father Gregory is seeking input from the liturgy committee on ways to enhance the Mass environment to make it even more appealing to all the groups of parishioners. Need to make sure we are liturgically correct. One example is the singing of the Scripture readings during the Easter Vigil.

Communications Paul Zmuda

Plans to meet with Lisa Hawthorne and J.J. after Easter

Parish Engagement J.J. Kaelin

* Had planned to host a Parish Game Night on May 6 but have decided to delay due to conflict with the school musical. Will reschedule for a date this summer or after school begins in the fall.
* Meeting with Elementary Faith Formation Director Jilinda Dygert to revisit parent engagement activities beginning in the fall.

Education Father Tim, Ed Paulovich, John

Gormley and Bruce Bishop

No report

Financial Health Ashley Fritz, Finance Council

* Provided an update on the parish’s financial health plan. St. Peter is blessed to be on financially solid ground and we’re working to keep it healthy. The finance council will begin the 2022-23 budget review at their next meeting in April.

**Around the Table**  All

* Knights of Columbus Fish Fries netted $4k. 200 average in attendance at each Fish Fry during Lent.

**Closing Prayer** Father Tim

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

PMC room 10. Note: Our regularly scheduled first Tuesday of the month meeting is being moved to the second Tuesday of the month due to the Diocesan Priest retreat and meeting with Bishop Golka in Greeley May 3-5.