**St. Peter Parish Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 11 , 2021, 6 p.m.**

**PMC, Room 8**

St. Peter Parish Council Strategic Plan Mission Statement

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

*Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Colorado Springs.*

**In-person attendance:** President J.J. Kaelin, VP Ed Paulovich, John Gormley, Terry Nickel, Paul Zmuda and Father Gregory Golyzniak via Zoom. Guest: Finance Council President Ashley Fritz. Absent: Bruce Bishop

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President J.J. Kaelin.

Opening prayer was offered by Father Gregory via Zoom connection.

Update from President J.J. Kaelin

* Welcome cards to one new/re-registering family in December 2020
* Adopted November 2, 2020 meeting minutes
  + Ed Paulovich motioned, Terry Nickel second

Update from Father Gregory

* Financial review from the last Finance Council, January
  + focusing on online giving and increasing the tithing from the parish overall
  + Financial status looks fairly good overall
  + Looking at applying for another PP grant from the government
  + Reviewed the Matthew Kelly videos
* Update from Ashley Fritz, Finance Council President
  + - Missing a significant portion of giving, due to the pandemic
    - Second collections are essentially non-existent due to there not being an online option and lack of collection plate
    - Exploring ideas to address the second collection situation going forward
      * Options for second collections (regular, infrequent directed by USCCB, unforeseen)
      * Should there be some online option to make it easier
        + Currently using a company called Vanco, should be able to work with them to increase efficiency
        + Could have a higher fee associated with changes to the online giving platform
      * Should there be a % from the general fund that contributes to the second collection?
      * Need to have a subcommittee meeting to review our options
    - Finance committee is working to “put a face” on what is being donated
      * Working on a communication strategy with pie charts
    - Ministry communications campaign
      * Need to focus more on telling the stories from the ministries—photos with stories
  + Difficult to include the one month donation when includes one-time donations
    - Handle the one time donations differently?
  + Consider ways to present the monthly financials by a budget to our parishioners
* Father Newbury
  + Living with Fr. Gregory at the rectory, temporary
  + Health focus, providing him food and room
  + Diocese is covering all other costs for Fr. Newbury
  + He will be doing some Masses, hearing confessions and special services.
  + Look for future opportunities to leverage his skills in the parish
* Christmas 2020 Review
  + The logistics for Christmas Masses went very well
  + The music was done very well despite limitations
  + Number of Masses was just right: Christmas Eve 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. 10 p.m. Christmas morning- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
  + Only issue was the use of the signup genius and attendance? Possibly scared some away
  + Planning to include the gym for Easter Masses
  + Online participation
    - * + 300-400 people watched online at each Mass
    - TV screens were set up in the PMC; only counted as one viewer, Communions was served to about 300
    - Church Masses
      * There were roughly 200-265 in each Mass in person Christmas Eve and Christmas morning
  + School
    - Only two COVID cases with the children, 7th grade
  + Diocese
    - No update on the new Bishop
      * Pope Francis has not made a decision
      * Usually takes up to a year before the decision is made
    - Discussion about how to take care of priests and deacons with vaccine
      * School teachers are on the list
  + COVID
    - Two weeks ago Father made an announcement about not wearing masks in the pews. That changed quickly.
    - Two people filed a complaint with the health department without sharing their intentions with Father G.
      * Recommended a warning from the Health Department

**Strategic Plan**

* John provided update on the School Faith Formation plan
  + Reviewed with Principal Sheila Whalen and updated based on activities that can be accomplished
* Ed provided and update on the Church RE plan
  + Jilinda Dygert has an aggressive plan for 2021-22
  + Purchased materials for Faith Formation and the school
  + Providing support for Homeschool Families with Digital Materials
  + Hosting Vacation Bible School this summer
  + Catechist training and certification will begin soon
  + Hosting liturgical living activities for families
* J.J.’s update on Savio Teens-high school and collegians
  + Teens want to get together over the summer
  + Youth council has been great for engaging ideas
  + There is a schedule for events for the remainder for the school year.
  + Teens are asking to be together requesting ways to help manage stress.
  + Lightning round the board table
* Ed – Very happy about the cleanliness of the kitchen in the school
* J.J. - Melissa has been approached about Monument and Colorado Springs Police Departments looking for outreach opportunities for the community to support the police by providing things such as notes of support, cookies, etc.
  + On the sad side, there is a significant increase in depression and suicide/attempted in our local area
* Father - Receives a lot of comments, especially during confession about thoughts of suicide

The Parish Council meeting concluded with a Hail Mary prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.