**St. Peter Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 31, 2021

Attendance

* Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Pastor: Present
* Brad Shimmens, President: Present
* Andy Rackers, Vice President: Present
* Nathan Raymer, Secretary: Present
* Kathy Hillen: Present
* Theresa Stegeman: Present
* Diane Struemph: Present
* Jeff Luebbert: Present
* Deacon Enrique Castro: Present
* Michelle Truesdale: Present
* Dr. Conrad Balcer: Absent but accounted for
* Gayle Trachsel: Absent but accounted for

Old Business

1. Officer Elections
   1. Brad Shimmens was elected President
   2. Andy Rackers was Elected Vice President
   3. Nathan Raymer was elected Secretary
   4. Brad Shimmens continues to sit on the Parish Finance Committee
   5. Jeff Luebbert continues to sit on the Parish Property Committee
2. General note to promote recruitment to the council
3. School Update
   1. Email read by Fr. Secrist from Gayle updating council on enrollment numbers (484), COVID updates
4. Chili Supper
   1. Home and School ran it in the past but gave it to the Boy Scouts
      1. Did not happen in 2020 due to the pandemic
   2. Boy Scouts still have it and unknown if they plan to host or not in fall 2021
      1. Brad has action to talk to Paul Vaasos to talk about making this happen
5. The 175th Anniversary Celebration was a success; event was in the black thanks to sponsors and parishioners
   1. Vendors were happy with the event
   2. There is still some merch left over from the event, including cups and shirts
      1. No discussion about where or how to get this

Pastor’s Report

1. Church restoration update
   1. Hardwood is in and sanded, sealed
   2. Painting and plaster repair is in progress
   3. Question posed to the council:
      1. Do we go back to church this coming weekend?
         1. Answer: Yes, due to logistical concerns around the scheduling of Selinger Center
         2. Chairs will be used in place of the pews and there will ultimately be another sand and coat of finish on the floor of church before the pews go back in
   4. Delays to the pews
      1. Work on them has not been started by the company due to manpower concerns
      2. We do not have a start date on the process and expect ~4 weeks from the start of the work
2. COVID-19 update
   1. Mask requirement for walking in common areas remains in school
   2. Kids are still eating in the classrooms
   3. 4 teachers are out either for quarantine or for illness and the school needs substitute teachers
   4. Father stressed the need for substitute teachers at the school

Finance Committee

1. The parish financials are in a good place per the report of the President from the most recent finance committee meeting
   1. In other words: “Financials look great!” – Brad
2. Deacon Castro had some comments about the Hispanic community and tithing
   1. Members of the Hispanic community are less likely to have a bank account and so deal mostly or entirely in cash
      1. If we don’t pass baskets, they seem less likely to give
   2. Discussion of bringing back pole baskets for the ushers, specifically, up to Fr. Secrist if he wants to do

Parish Property

1. New boiler is 80% installed
2. Heat and Cooling controls upgrades are also in progress
3. There is tuckpointing and other masonry work going on around the church that could not be done with the scaffolding in place
4. The tarps on the roof are to protect the new roof from the sealant that is being applied to the bricks, not for leaks
5. The front doors of church were sanded and refinished as preventative maintenance.
   1. They had already been on the church for over a year
6. New Campus phone system
   1. Went with Spectrum VOIP
   2. Lots of new features that the old system did not have including having voicemail delivered to email inboxes
   3. Some installation issues with the school doorbell and communicating with the office
   4. School numbers have been ported and show the school business number on outbound calls
   5. Parish office numbers should be ported by tomorrow

Hispanic Ministry

1. We are getting 3 Priests to offer Mass in Spanish starting in September
2. PSR Information
   1. Deacon is facilitating Spanish Virtus Classes for parents and Catechists to teach PSR
   2. Working to get PSR and school information documents translated into Spanish for the parents
   3. El Puente is also helping out with these efforts

Comments for the Good of the Parish

1. World Day of the Poor is November 14th
   1. Looking at a name change for the event to reduce potential awkwardness
   2. Diane Struemph has action to work with Father on the event
   3. Action to all to think about possible names for the event
2. Tamales Sale Event
   1. Deacon proposed a community event to make them
      1. Women of the Hispanic community teach volunteers and get help
   2. Discussed taking pre-orders to know how many need to be made
      1. Potential limit on number per person
   3. Pickup time before Christmas in December
      1. Messaging around Our Lady of Guadalupe
      2. Leads to a Mid-November order cutoff
      3. Promote during October
   4. Deacon will ask around and take a lead on this event, help by Parish Council
3. Awareness of Seasons of Hope group at the parish
   1. Bereavement ministry helping people to greave
   2. Look into Spanish Language materials for the program
4. Maintenance issue in the Women’s restroom in Selinger
   1. One of the doors does not latch

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM