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

Date: April 18, 2023

**Attendance**

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| **Clergy and Staff, Invited Guests**   * Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Pastor * Fr. Brad Berhorst, Associate Pastor * Kathleen Lavery * ~~Beverly McCracken~~ * Gayle Trachsel * Deacon Enrique Castro * ~~Aurora Avalos, Hispanic Ministry~~ * Yasica Buitrago, Hispanic Ministry | **Members**   * Brad Shimmens (2025), President * Nathan Raymer (2024), Vice President * Theresa Stegeman (2024), Secretary * Andy Rackers (2023) * Diane Struemph (2023) * Kathy Hillen (2024) * Dr. Conrad Balcer (2024) * ~~Jeff Luebbert (2023)~~ * Mary Hegeman (2025) * Robert Riebold (2025) |

**Agenda and Minutes**

1. Pastor Update
   1. Triduum went well with minimal complaints from parishioners
   2. 7 Churches pilgrimage (2nd Annual) was fruitful for some. Hoping to continue the tradition.
   3. Nashville shooting incident has caused us to raise the issue of more protection for the campus
      1. Getting a proposal for ballistic film on doors of campus-top of the ramp as well as various glass windows on the school
      2. 3-fold protection-heat protectant, bullet resistant (won’t shatter) and natural disaster shelter
2. School Update
   1. Paula Wekenborg was honored with a prestigious award
   2. 2nd grade has/will receive(d) 1st Holy Communion throughout the Easter season
   3. Confirmation on April 25th with the Bishop
   4. 8th Grade promotion on May 12th
3. Finance Update
   1. Beverly McCracken is the new Business Manager
   2. April 27th next meeting at 6:45 PM
   3. Continued appreciation for our parishioners and their generous giving
4. Hispanic Ministry Update
   1. 1st Communions on April 30th at the 1:00 PM Mass
   2. There are numerous people in the Hispanic community that need to receive Sacraments – Fr. Berhorst and Deacon Castro are in the process of catching everyone up
   3. Attendance numbers at Mass are increasing
   4. The parish is working towards adding Spanish announcements into the weekly bulletin
   5. Spanish retreat on 4/22/23 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
   6. Corpus Christi procession on June 11th in the works
5. Stewardship Process Update
   1. Conversation with Erin Vader about Stewardship inventory being done for the Church-May 3rd next meeting at 7:00 PM
   2. Those not attending Mass regularly will have a conversation with Father Secrist-non responsive families will be asked to pay tuition
   3. Attendance numbers for each Mass are still being sent to the Diocese
   4. Celebration of Mass - We need to assist one another to learn to pray together as Community Prayer
   5. Fr. Jones to participate in future mass weekend to discuss Stewardship
6. Block Party Event Update
   1. Friday, August 11, 2023
   2. Bands are books
   3. Food trucks are booked
   4. Will also be the 140 Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church – parish is looking into best way to honor this
7. Pastoral Plan Update
   1. Next meeting is May 16 at 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Undercroft
   2. Still continue to learn about the Pastoral Plan process for the Diocese
8. Pastoral Council New Member solicitation discussion
   1. Need to solicit new candidates for Pastoral Council
   2. 3 candidates needed for July’s meeting-names needed by May 25, 2023
   3. Will run information in the bulletin starting this weekend
9. Other news for the good of the Parish
   1. November 19, 2023 - Day of Community Care
   2. Big Bucks returns April 2024 with the goal to raise money for the school
   3. There is a need for more ushers, servers, etc. at all Masses
10. Next Meeting
    1. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Msgr. Hoog Hall