

St. Peter Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2024

Attendance

<u>Clergy and Staff, Invited Guests</u>	<u>Members</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Msgr. Kurwicki, Pastor● Fr. Tom Alber, Associate Pastor● Enrique Castro, Deacon● Gayle Trachsel, School Principal● Yasica Buitrago, Hispanic Ministry● Aurora Avalos, Hispanic Ministry● Beverly McCracken, Business Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brad Shimmens (2025), President● Nathan Raymer (2024), Vice President● Theresa Stegeman (2024), Secretary● Kathy Hillen (2024)● Dr. Conrad Balcer (2024)● Mary Hegeman (2025)● Robert Riebold (2025)● Darby Carel (2026)● Ellen Palada (2026)● Diane Struempf (2026)

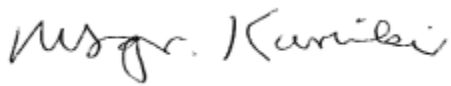
Agenda/Minutes

1. Pastor Update
 - a. Easter was altogether successful. ~ 630 people at the 9 AM mass, which was the biggest on the day.
 - i. There were some issues with the sound system as it was sent to the overflow in the undercroft chapel
 - b. Property items
 - i. Mold was found in the walls of the school, specifically in the addition. Groundwater is coming in because the school is built on a hill.
 1. Technician coming soon to do a further assessment of the condition and recommend repairs
 2. Involves removing a plaster wall, installing a system to deal with water and mold and coving with a new wall
 - ii. Museum update
 1. With the delay of the school expansion, doing the museum in Vogelweid is becoming less and less viable
 2. The plan is now to undertake a renovation of the Father Ahren's room to add the Museum there.
 3. The Property Committee is aligned on the plan and is not concerned that as reduction in the floorplan of that room will hurt its usefulness
 - c. We will be getting a Seminarian this summer

- d. Job Searches
 - 1. Secretary to the Pastor
 - 2. 4th Custodian
 - 3. There have been applicants but they were not what we were looking for
 - e. Sound System
 - 1. The technician from Will West is visiting new week to take input from musicians, especially Nicholas Liese and other stakeholders in the process and to assess the acoustics of the space for the design
 - 2. If you have input for the sound system, that would be the time
 - f. Pew Update
 - 1. The Parish Office has been in contact with the company and is working with them to get the kneelers fixed. There is no timeline at this point
 - 2. A discussion was also had about adjusting the distance of the kneelers some to give more room between the kneeler and the pew in front
2. School Update
- a. The current biggest need is the 4th custodian
 - b. There is going to be some turnover in the faculty, but it is within normal amounts
 - c. Big Bucks is next Friday, April 12
 - i. 370 tickets sold
 - ii. Sales are closed
 - iii. Prayers were asked for in the name of the success of the digital tool that is being used to run the event
3. Finance Update
- a. Not much discussion other than that we are ahead of the budget currently and the current published numbers do not include Easter
4. Pastoral Plan update
- a. There was a sizable discussion about things that the parish is doing and could be doing
 - b. Some topics included
 - i. Meal Ministry
 - ii. Youth Ministry as a weakness of the parish and of the city
 - iii. The place of the Deanery and Diocese pastoral plan in the life of the parish
 - iv. There was some frustration expressed about not having "action items" from the higher levels
5. Hispanic Ministry Update
- a. The attendance has an increasing trend over the past 2-3 months. Deacon Castro wants to keep watching the numbers for a while
 - b. Easter went well for the Hispanic part of the community as well

- i. There was a living Stations of the Cross that was a success
6. Call for Council Members
 - a. 4 members of the council rotating off in 2024
 - i. Nathan Raymer
 - ii. Theresa Stegeman
 - iii. Kathy Hillen
 - iv. Dr. Conrad Balcer
 - b. 3 of the 4 were at the meeting and expressed willingness to take another term if elected
 - c. Action to Nathan Raymer to work with Annie Raymer in the office to add a bulletin item for the call for new members starting with the next bulletin through May 12th. Include the 3 year commitment
 - d. New members will be present at the next meeting on June 18, 2024
7. Ellen Palada's item
 - a. This item was discussed but tabled for a meeting when Ellen can be present to make sure that the council fully understands her discussion items
8. Other News
 - a. The Block Party was postponed from the original August date to September 20th, 2024 for the sake of cooler temperatures
 - b. Heat was a concern at the last event
9. Other action items
 - a. Nathan Raymer to work with Annie Raymer to get a link to the Diocese website for the Catholic Missourian and allow people to register
10. Next meeting
 - a. As stated above, the next meeting is scheduled for June 18th, 2024, at 7 PM

Closing Prayer by Msgr. Kurwicki



Pastor



President