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

Date: January 31, 2023

**Attendance**

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| **Clergy and Staff, Invited Guests**   * Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Pastor * ~~Fr. Brad Berhorst, Associate Pastor~~ * ~~Kathleen Lavery~~ * ~~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. Cathedral of St. Joseph Rite of Rededication is May 5, 10:30 am
   2. Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday Mass
   3. Lenten book to be provided to parishioners, looking into a Spanish version.
   4. Business manager position is currently open and accepting applications. Interviews to begin soon.
   5. Discussion was had about youth engagement and Youth Ministry. Nathan Raymer will be speaking to IC Parish coordinator to learn more about what they have going on.
2. School Update
   1. School needs continue to be addressed, possible classrooms, drawings. Vogelweid is still be reviewed.
   2. Iowa test scores came in and everyone is good.
   3. Big Bucks Fundraiser is coming back April 12, 2024, more details in future.
3. Finance Update
   1. Financials look good, above budget. Reviewed the bulletin Stewardship financials.
   2. Stewardship model, give out of generosity, not need.
   3. Catholic Stewardship Appeal was met, pledged $159,314 of $130,050 goal.
4. Hispanic Ministry Update
   1. Aurora Avalos attended first meeting to fill the Pastoral Council on the initiatives of the Hispanic community.
   2. Looking into ways to working together and increasing participation.
5. Stewardship Process Update
   1. Deacon Castro is leading Stewardship for Hispanic Community and St Peter Parish.
   2. Small groups, retreats and How to Apply Stewardship are all being focused on.
   3. Catholic Charities/El Puente has Hispanic reach out contact.
6. Events (Block Party) Update
   1. Friday, August 11, 2023
   2. Next call February 10, 4:30 pm (Zoom)
      1. Shiloh band confirmed.
7. Pastoral Plan Deanery Meeting Update
   1. Next meeting is February 28 at 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Undercroft
   2. Still continue to learn about the Pastoral Plan process for the Diocese.
8. Other news for good of the Parish
   1. Changes to music have been addressed in the bulletin January 29
9. Next Meeting
   1. Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm in Msgr. Hoog Hall