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

Date: July 11, 2023

**Attendance**

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| **Clergy and Staff, Invited Guests**   * Fr. Jeremy Secrist, Pastor * Fr. Brad Berhorst, Associate Pastor * Kathleen Lavery, Communications * ~~Beverly McCracken, Business Manager~~ * ~~Enrique Castro, Deacon~~ * Gayle Trachsel, School Principal * Aurora Avalos, Hispanic Ministry * Alice Kuehn, Parish Nurse * ~~Yasica Buitrago, Hispanic Ministry~~ | **Members**   * 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 Struemph (2026)~~ |

**Agenda and Minutes**

1. Pastor Update
   1. Summer Projects going well and staying on task
   2. Security around the campus-ballistic film/tinting on all ground level is done
   3. Stewardship Committee is moving forward
      1. A quick reference guide was added to the bulletin to update parishioners
2. School Update
   1. No new hires needed!
   2. Theme: Follow the Path of Jesus
   3. First day of school-August 16th
   4. Swim party-August 6th
   5. Open House-August 14th
   6. Big Bucks will be April 12, 2024
      1. Meetings have been on track
      2. Looking for a venue, then will focus on fundraising
   7. Tanya Dallmeyer-honored with Teacher of the Year and will receive the award in Washington D.C. in September
   8. Enrollment numbers for incoming preschool students are full
   9. 4 teachers just returned from Get Your Teach On in Dallas, TX
   10. July 25th 1:00 PM Meeting at Chancery
       1. Present design for completion of the school building to add classrooms-Fr. Secrist to provide details
3. Finance Update
   1. Budget was approved at the last meeting
   2. Last fiscal year ended in black
   3. Budget did show an increase because of all the contributions from the CSA
   4. CSA all goes through the parish and the parish tithes to the diocese, we’re budgeting for a higher offertory collection. The plan is that whatever money people formerly gave to CSA (which will no longer exist in the year we are budgeting for), they now will give to the offertory instead.
4. Hispanic Ministry Update
   1. Working on having better communication with the parish
   2. Working with Kathleen to have a section of the bulletin in Spanish
   3. Trying to spread the word to the community about the Spanish Mass
      1. Currently, there is a Spanish Mass at: St. Peter, Columbia, and California
   4. Sacraments continue to get updated with the help of Fr. Berhorst
5. Health Committee Update
   1. The Health Committee met-they help the parish nurse to function better for the parish
   2. Groups for Caring Neighbors are still working on being formed
   3. The committee inquired the idea of getting the parish to help with the group Homeless Connect
      1. September 29th
      2. It would help spread out the abundance of assistance throughout the year as well as with other denominational churches
   4. Request to use less incense at Mass because of health concerns of parishioners
6. Block Party Event Update
   1. Friday, August 11, 2023
   2. Paperwork all complete with the City and waiting approval
   3. Everything ordered and delivered, and should be ready the day of
   4. Needing more volunteers, especially for the Kid Zone
   5. Selinger Center will have multiple things going on inside including Country Store, free book giveaway, training on how to use the parish app, etc.
7. Pastoral Plan Update
   1. Deanery met and discussed how they can extend groups beyond one parish and into surrounding parishes
      1. All based on desire and success within the parish
      2. EX: Signum Circus, and Pews n Brews within other parishes
8. Pastoral Council
   1. Approval of Council:
      1. Brad Shimmens-President
      2. Nathan Raymer-Vice President
      3. Theresa Stegeman-Secretary
   2. Council Members Approved:
      1. Darby Carel (2026)
      2. Ellen Palada (2026)
      3. Diane Struemph (2026)
   3. New Member Committee Reps
      1. Parish Finance Council Rep-Brad Shimmens
      2. Parish Property Committee Rep-Robert Riebold
9. Other news for the good of the Parish
   1. Will have a new staff member within the next several weeks
      1. Faith and Education Coordinator - title
      2. Will assist with PSR, bible studies, etc.
   2. Day after Block Party, August 12, we are celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of the church with Mass at 9:00 am, events to follow
10. Next Meeting
    1. Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm in Msgr. Hoog Hall