

St. Peter Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 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• Michelle Gray, Pastor's Secretary/Communications Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brad Shimmens (2025), President• Darby Carel (2026), Vice President• Theresa Stegeman (2027), Secretary• Mary Hegeman (2025)• Robert Riebold (2025)• Ellen Palada (2026)• Open (2026)• Dr. Conrad Balcer (2027)• Kathy Hillen (2027)• Open (2027)

Minutes

1. Pastor Update

- Blood of Christ will resume on First Sunday of Advent, 12/1, will be on either end of altar.
- Msgr. participated in Veto Session, 4th graders from school were also there as guests
- Safety committee is collecting names with parish staff, trying to start up again
- Deacon Cleaver taking weekend rounds
- 4-5 applicants for music director, Leslie Smith is currently assisting at hourly rate. Expect decision on new music director after Christmas
- Brad Copeland assisting with speakers in church, will have Will West purchase. Currently getting bid, looking for knowledgeable parishioner to assist with process.
- Pat R. and Jamie S. to do a survey to parishioners to increase mass participation. Survey councils and others.
- St. Joe and IC are down to 1 priest (lost associate), many impacted, Vocation Must Increase.
- Block Party, Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, 5-9 pm on Broadway
- Still looking for two Council members to fill open seats, please keep working on this
- Vote No on Amendment 3

2. School Update

- Dr. Vader recently attended conference with many Diocese leaders from across country, we were one of few that have not seen a decline in kids attending Catholic schools. We actually increased this year.
- St. Peter's is fully staffed
- Year is going well

- Getting ready for a self-study
 - Big Bucks Fundraiser (major school fundraiser), Friday, Feb. 28, 2025
3. Finance Update
 - Signed and approved balanced budget
 - Signed Diocese annual report - audit in October - normal when new Pastor joins
 - Healthy church balances
 - Beverly will work up a summary of approved budget for bulletin
 4. Pastoral Plan update
 - Reviewed Pastoral Plan from 2021, currently on website, will get updated copy to website
 - Goals are being met
 - Need to reassess and update if necessary
 - Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 pm in Msgr. Hoog Hall for all church councils, Stewardship discussion
 5. Hispanic Ministry Update
 - 2 Funerals
 - 100-140 people attending 12:00 pm mass
 - Children's choir met every two weeks, performance in December
 - Validating marriages and other sacraments, 2 classes: beginner & moderate levels. Couples who entered the U.S. separately can't marry because it will violate their immigration status. Looking for the ceremony vs lawful union.
 - El Puente celebrating 25th Anniversary
 6. Other News
 - Fr. Alber discussed cost to rent the church for a wedding, use algorithm, domicile and quasi-domicile, baptism locations deal with this same issue
 - Artificial Intelligence was discussed as future
 - Dr. Balcer discussed security of church, armed parishioners, camera usage, need to be more proactive with safety, he brought up locking the doors at a particular time and leaving the side door open, front doors provide exit without challenge, need to discuss with attorney and insurance on plan
 - Nov. 17 World Day of Caring - details TBD
 7. Next meeting
 - Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:00 pm

Msgr. Kurik

Pastor

Billy D. Pharis

President