



**St. Peter Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
Minutes of the September 15, 2022
Meeting
Via Hybrid (Live & Zoom)**

The Pastoral Council (the Council) of St. Peter Catholic Church (the Parish) held a virtual and live meeting on September 15, 2022, using Google Zoom as well as Council members meeting at our offices at St. Benedict Hall.

Pastoral Council: Fr. Tim Stephens (**Pastor**), Tracy Stouse (**Chair**), Keith Butler (**Vice Chair**), Matthew Springman (**Immediate Past Chair**), Moe Cieri (**Secretary**), Dan Miller, Susan Long, Andie Anselmi, Michelle Maitt, Helen Katz, David Dorsch, Joshua Farnsworth, Ali Buck

Non-voting Participants: Fr. John Michalowski, Deacon Jim Bozik, Deacon Clarke Cochran, Terrie Morin (**Staff**), Nick D'Angelo (**Finance Council Representative**)

Call to Order

Tracy chaired the meeting and called it to order at 5:34PM.

Opening Prayer

Keith led the opening prayer.

Minutes of the August 18, 2022 Pastoral Council meeting

The August 18, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Upon motion and duly seconded, the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

General Updates and Group Discussion

• **Re-Engagement/Time & Talent (All):**

Tracy opened the discussion topic asking for feedback from each of the Council members on what they are hearing either through their respective ministries or in general. Below are Council member's feedback:

- We had 3 new "end users" sign up for supporting the Faith Formation ministry.
- One parishioner took every Ignatian Exercise offered.
- Discussion ensued we may want to focus our efforts toward our target audience since they will be the group who will be leading us through the 4 Apostolic Preferences.
- Liturgy reported that 6 parishioners filed out the online form who were interested in participating as an Ecumenical Minister or Lector. They were referred over to Josh and Joey for follow-up.

- Dan reported that 4 to 5 parishioners came forward at Mass services to sign up for Usher service.
- Dan also mentioned that Fr. Brian Konzman, SJ, will be coming to St. Peter on October 15 & 16 for an interactive talk on Liturgy.
- Andie reported that we will need to reach out for volunteers for RITI once there is clarification around the continuation of the program due to vaccination requirements of our neighbors.
- Moe reported there were several parishioners interested in participating in the Caring Cooks and Soup Kitchen ministries. He also mentioned the continued challenge of re-engagement/re-commitment of current volunteers.
- Facilities Committee stated they were not looking for new members at this time. David did mention that at their recent meeting, the committee discussed being more proactive, for example, at becoming “greener” and not just be a committee that “fixes things”.
- Susie noted that the table they set up outside of church on August 28 was well received as several parishioners approached for a conversation.
- They had two parishioners who were interested in learning more about the Communications ministry (Tony and Brittany).
- Susie also mentioned they would like to conduct re-engagement interviews with ministry and Council members to post on our St. Peter website. In addition, Joan needs head shots from several ministry/Council members.
- Keith mentioned that a personal invitation continues to be the most effective approach when engaging with interested parishioners.
- Joan will be helping to tally the number of interested parishioners who came through the St. Peter website. She will also see if the link is experiencing any issues.
- Michelle mentioned their Women’s Journey Group will be hosting a “Girls Night Out” event on October 12 between 5:00-8:00 in Benedict Hall. Michelle is planning to have re-engagement and Time/Talent information available for participants.

- **Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP)**

Tracy opened the conversation around her personal UAP experience and engaged the Council to provide feedback on best practices surrounding how best to incorporate UAP for our parish and parishioners. Several thoughts and thought-provoking questions were presented:

- What does it mean to be a Jesuit parish?
- Do we all know what the 4 UAPs are?
- What is our messaging around the 4 UAPs and how best to educate parishioners?
- The Spiritual Exercises offered by St. Peter align directly with one of the UAPs.
- Should we include regular messaging of the UAPs through the homilies? The challenge of any “live” education at mass services is limited attendance and consistency of the message.
- What are we doing within our Commissions and ministries to align with the UAP and our overall Jesuit teachings?

- What are we (you) being invited to do?
 - How should we simplify the explanation of the spiritual exercises so that it is not so intimidation?
 - Ideas included homilies, announcements (bulletin), possibly a letter to parishioners.
 - Carmen is planning to incorporate some messaging during Teen Week, asking the teens to reflect on where they saw Christ each day that they serve.
 - We agreed that raising this issue and discussing during a Council meeting was a good first step. We will discuss additional education ideas during our October Pastoral Council meeting, including how do we help parishioners carve out the time to learn about the spiritual exercises.
- **At-Large Membership**
 - The executive committee is recommending adding two At-Large members.
 - Candidates should reflect the future of our parish.
 - They would not necessarily need to come from a Commission position.
 - Council members were asked to provide recommendations and candidates would be vetted by the executive council.

Finance Council update (Nick)

Review of the July 2022 Budget:

- Revenues were at \$159K and expenses came in at \$133K (\$27K net)
- Operating reserves were at 7.6 months.
- For fiscal year end, revenues were just under \$2mm and expenses of \$1.723mm allowing us to put \$45K toward capital expenditures and \$250,000 into savings.
- DSA: As of 7/18/22, we were at 101% of our assessment goal (Paid & Pledges). Nick mentioned there's just a slight risk in that we have \$10.6K pledged and have not received the payment for. However, this typically lags, and the pledges have always been fulfilled.
- St. Peter received our assessment for the Priest's Retirement Fund - \$53,600. The good news is we have collected \$19K. The official announcement/ask will be made in early October.

Commissions and Council Dialogue

- **Education & Faith Formation**
 - Fr. Tim & Michelle reported that we hired Nathan Evangelista for the Assistant Director of Religious Education position. Nathan has prior experience working with youth and reflects the future of our parish.
- **Campus & Facilities**
 - David covered his updates during the re-engagement discussion.
- **Communications & Evangelization**
 - Susie covered her updates during the re-engagement discussion.
- **Parish Life**
 - Nothing additional from Helen's report.
- **Social Justice & Community Outreach**
 - Andie mentioned a couple of upcoming Social Justice events we may put on our calendars: Care for Creation on 9/19 and a Human Trafficking discussion on 10/22.
- **20s-30s Young Adult Ministry**
 - Nothing additional from Josh & Ali's report.
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- **Liturgical Committee (Dan)**
 - Dan covered his updates during the re-engagement discussion.
- **Pastor's Comments**
 - Fr. Tim stated that much of what was covered during the meeting was on his agenda for discussion, specifically re-engagement and next steps.
 - These UAPs are all in conjunction with the Fall (October 29) Apostolic Planning meeting which will be held in Raleigh. Responses will help us better understand where the Spirit is moving us toward and...what is our Pastoral plan post the October meeting.
 - Fr. Tim mentioned the Provincial came for a brief visit and met with Bishop Jugis.

Consolations:

The team shared numerous consolations. There were no desolations.

Fr. John presided over our closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Moe Cieri, Secretary