



St. Peter's Catholic Church

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Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

6:30 - 7:30 February 22, 2024

Mrs Von Arx Classroom

Members Present: Kelly Beckman, Sandy Culver, Fr. Evans, Ben Horn, Ron Petersen, Jim Wieser

1. Opening Prayer
2. Group reading of the mission statement - "***A family of learners trying to live like Jesus in our school, homes, and community.***"
3. Introduction of new members: All members introduced themselves with a background of connection to St. Peters.
4. Appointment of staggered terms: Sandy Culver and Ben Horn were appointed to 3 year terms. Kelly Beckman, Ron Peterson, and Jim Wieser were appointed to 2 year terms.
5. Election of Officers: Kelly Beckman - Chair, Jim Wieser - Vice President, Ben Horn - Secretary
6. For Reflection:
 - a. What is the role of the Pastoral Council in the parish? We all agreed that we should serve as the eyes and ears and be a supporting hub that all members of the parish can approach with questions, concerns, and ideas. With this information, we can then inform the school board or finance committee.
 - b. As a group, we discussed what gifts and talents we bring to the council. Notable were things such as experience, being approachable, and fresh perspective.
 - c. Discussed the greatest needs in the parish. Common thoughts were the need to attract younger families and kids to continue the St. Peter's traditions. Also the need to connect the young and older together. Giving back to the community was also an important vision.
7. Rectory: Thoughts and concerns were shared about the future of the rectory as a rental or as short term housing for those in need.
8. For the Future: Creation of a Parish Mission Statement
9. Next Meeting to be scheduled in July.
10. The counsel agreed that any efforts for better sound should be completed.

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