

# **ST. PETER'S PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Biju, Melissa Schaub (Parish Secretary), Tom Schaub, Mark Stephenson, Robert Slattery, Chris Pundzak, Kathy Flock. Absent Members: Pete Benzing.

Meeting was called to order by Fr. Biju and opened with a prayer led by Father Biju.

The minutes of the previous meeting (September 3, 2020) were reviewed by the PAC members. Tom made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Chris seconded the motion.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion was held regarding times for our parish Christmas Masses due to COVID and church capacity restrictions. The Bishop had sent a letter to all parishes that would allow for an exception to be made for Christmas Eve Masses to begin as early as 2:00 pm and still count as an "evening" Mass. The reason for this exception was the hope that the churches could still stay at or below the 25% building capacity limit. It was decided that 2 Christmas Eve Masses at St. Peters would be held. The earlier Mass is to begin at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve and the 2<sup>nd</sup>, or later Mass is to begin at 8:30 pm on Christmas Eve. There will still be only one Mass on Christmas Day and that will begin at 10:30 am. There will be overflow capacity seating in the basement of the church with a live video feed from the upstairs Mass.
- Fr. Biju hopes to recruit an additional priest to assist with confessions prior to Christmas. More information on confession times and dates to be in upcoming bulletins.
- Kathy Flock was welcomed as our newest member of the Parish Advisory Council. We also wish to pass on our thanks and gratitude to Ann Hundt for all her work with the council over the years as our out-going member.
- Council discussed having a member from the Parish Advisor Council to attend the Parish Finance Council Meetings. The Finance Council typically meets every 2 months and the Parish Advisor Council meets quarterly. Pete Benzing has agreed to be the PAC representative on the Finance Council.
- A discussion was held regarding ways to encourage families to return to church.
- The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on March 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm.
- Fr. Biju led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Mark Stephenson