



**St. Peter the Apostle
PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Recap**

February 15, 2022

The St. Peter the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council met on February 15, 2022, at approximately 7:00 pm. Michael Nehf, chairperson of the council, opened the meeting. The following members were in attendance: Father Noesen, Reetha George, Bill Kolf, Mike Nehf, Rose Ann Roll and Adam Stephan.

The first main topic of discussion was how to welcome back parishioners including a 'welcome program' for consideration by the council. Primary discussion points revolved around how to best welcome people back to the church (post-COVID), and how to invite them to become involved in our parish. Besides praying for them, one suggestion was that we sponsor a Ministry Fair to allow parishioners to see what opportunities are available to them. Another idea was to publish the ministry opportunities in the church bulletin. Additional suggestions included the formation of a Welcoming Committee and a Youth Group (primarily for high school aged children); a welcome letter mailing to all new parishioners; a blessing letter mailing to parishioners when they move away and are no longer members; and updating the parish directory.

Fr. Noesen provided a brief update on parish finances and the church building debt. Further details from a liturgical artist regarding a solution to the sound reverberation problems in the church will soon be given to the parish. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to pledge memorials to help pay for this project.

Several council members provided thoughts on how to improve parental involvement in our children's religious education program, including providing opportunities for families to meet other families during class time.

Father Noesen encouraged all council members to engage with fellow parishioners and welcome positive feedback and ideas from them for the good of the parish.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place following Easter Sunday but no later than early May.

Fr. Noesen led the council in a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Please see the Parish Council page on the parish website for more information on our Parish Council and get to know your representatives.

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