

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
March 9, 2017
Annex of the church

Members Present:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer

Parish Council Representatives:

Dick Stocchetti, Jim Hines, Sheila Horan, Barry Yachem, Frank Grim, Lance Solaroli

Committee Members:

Debbie Gausmann: RE & Adult Faith Formation; Larry Kervella: Youth Ministry Representative, Dave Stallard: Liturgy Committee; Nate Garn: New Evangelization

Members Absent:

Parish Council Representatives:

Claire Clasen, Melissa Madrigal, Sue Wilkinson

Committee Members:

Rick Gausmann: House Church Leadership Committee; Dave Keneally: Parish Social Ministries; Anne Boeh: Community Life

ExOfficio Member:

Lori Yankoski

Opening Prayer and reflection: Nate Garn (New Evangelization Prayer)

Faith Formation: Went over and discussed pages 19-20 of the Called To Serve document.

Discussion of pages 19-20 (Vision):

- The parish vision is different than a business vision statement. It is more catholic/universal
- Vision needs the involvement of the community and is ongoing,
- To create a vision, one needs to Discern (quality of being able to perceive, understand the beliefs we have), and alignment (consensus)
- The parish council represents the community
- We are different, our vision needs to fit us. Vision is a “living document”
- Ask parishioners for input
 - Advertise ahead of time – make available to parishioners to review, reflect – through the Bulletin, website
 - Complete the input before school is out for the summer.
 - Need to formulate: Survey questions, what questions to use. We need to provide guidance to the parish for what we are looking for/ areas of input
 - Have a committee work on a survey for the parish. This committee will put together a framework by our May meeting (May 10).
 - Committee will be: Nate Garn, Barry Yachem, and Rick Gausmann.
 - Suspend committee reports for May. If you have something to report, please send electronically to Sheila Horan.
- May want to look at the founding principles, vision of St. Kateri.
- Elaine is working on the history of the parish – we should check with her for input.

Old Business:

Approved minutes for January and February 2017.

New Business/Pastor Notes: From Father Bob

- Father will give a talk for the last soup supper, April 5. The healing service will be March 22, and Reconciliation will be March 29.
- The administrative group is looking at what needs to be repaired/replaced. Can't replace certain items related to worship space unless approved by the diocese.
- Father indicated that he would consider the requests made at a former Parish Pastoral Council meeting with Parish members where concern was expressed for a cover to protect the parking lot entrance from rain, and for light to prevent tripping hazard at the Easter Vigil. Father said there will be light at the vigil.

Committee Reports:

NEW EVANGELIZATION: Nate Garn:

- The Parish Picnic planning committee met on Feb. 16th. A general outline of what we want to do again this year was discussed and a few new ideas were submitted for consideration. We will be considering those suggestions and meeting again within the next couple of weeks. The picnic will be a celebration and have St. Kateri Pride as a theme. We will have T-shirts available for purchase as well as magnets. It is hoped the T-shirts will be worn when people are doing activities and will help with evangelization.
- Men's prayer breakfast this Saturday, 3/11 at 8AM in the alcove. Dave Kenneally will be leading our discussion on men's role in a Christian family.
- Three members of the New Evangelization team will be attending the 2017 Shine Social Ministry Summit on March 31/April 1.

HOUSE CHURCH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE: Rick Gausmann

- The house churches are all set to cover the soup suppers.
 - Grafton: Pancake dinner
 - Running Man: March 8
 - Poquoson North: March 15
 - Woodlake Crossing/Coventry: March 22
 - Valmoore/Westover: March 29
 - Poquoson East, Tabb High/Cary's Chapel: April 5
- The pancake dinner went well – food was great!
- Minutes for the house church leadership committee will be sent out and approved electronically to speed up the posting and notification process.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES: Dave Keneally:

Haiti Twinning Ministry:

- Bill McDonald from the Haiti Twinning Ministry will be in St. Michel Parish in Boucan-Carre, Haiti, March 13-17, for the dedication of the new parish rectory and hospitality house. Joining him are representatives from Sacred Heart Cathedral in Knoxville, TN and St. Anselm Parish in St. Louis, MO. The rectory/hospitality house was built with funds raised by St. Anselm Parish in St. Louis. The new facility is larger and with improved accommodations – more bathrooms, access to meeting rooms, etc.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Haiti dinner on Friday, May 19, 6:30 PM. Haitian menu, updates on our twinning ministry, special guests.

Prison Ministry:

Kairos had one person attend a reunion at Sussex II on Saturday, February 25. Kairos is also gearing up for a four-day event being held April 20-23. So far, one person will attend. Announcements will be made at all three masses on March 25/26 for requests for cookies and prayer sign up slots. People are welcome to attend the closing ceremony at Sussex II State Prison on March 26. Help is requested from any church groups who would like to help with cookie baking – please let Dave Keneally know of any groups that would like to help. The JYG and SYG have always been so helpful, but it would be nice to have some other church groups involved as well.

Other News:

- Jerry Kegelman's Good Samaritan Home Repair service: Father Bob approved Jerry's advertisement and it was sent in to the diocesan Risk Management Office. Kurt Hickman approved the advertisement with some minor changes. The proviso is that it can only be advertised on the bulletin board and NOT placed in the bulletin. The email from Kurt Hickman ought to be saved in the church files in the remote chance that someone wants to see it later.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE: Anne Boeh (Others brought up this information):

- The kitchen has a new coffee pot (Don't put water in it, it is self-filling; Don't turn it off; and Don't MOVE it). There is also a new microwave in the kitchen also.
- Community life/Hospitality is doing a great job setting up the soup suppers
- Green Thumb will have a clean-up Saturday March 18 (8AM to noon) Help is needed

RE & ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Debbie Gausmann

- Family room – Electrical work is started. The former Nursery will become the family room.
- Worship Conference in Richmond, June 12-13. Look at the diocese website under worship.
- Pivotal Players study is averaging 20 people each meeting.
- Women's bible study has about 27 people
- Bishop Keane Institute has published their program for this year. The first talk is May 3. See the poster on the Adult faith formation bulletin board.
- Scott Hahn will speak at Holy Trinity Catholic church on April 8 (in the morning). Tickets are free (but you do need a ticket to attend).
- The formation for the first two soup suppers is: Path to Holiness by Bishop Baron.
- Parish retreat is now scheduled for first weekend of May and focuses on Women of the Scripture. It is open to all in the parish.

Youth:

- Youth talent show involved 50 teens and went very well. The intake was \$2300 before costs taken out.
- Young adult group went to St. Paul's on March 25. Three more dates are currently scheduled: May 20, Oct 14, and Dec 30.
- Middle School retreat is scheduled for the end of April. Confirmation students will be doing most of the work for the retreat.
- Four confirmation youth attended a diocese confirmation retreat at St. Jerome's. They reported that it was fine.

Children:

- The Parents of the children preparing for first Eucharist are studying Ed Sri's The Mass and they are enjoying it.

- Family event is scheduled for May. The Vacation Bible School is set for August.

LITURGY: David Stallard

- Altar server signup is continuing with 18 currently signed up. Training will be conducted April 8 and 22 (as a make-up session). They will start after Easter. More servers are needed for the 11 AM Mass.
- The Hospitality ministry will be renamed the Greeters Ministry. The duties and responsibilities will be reviewed and updated. Barry Yachem will be working to recruit more people to serve as greeters at the 11 AM mass.
- June 4th is the parish Mass and picnic. The liturgy committee will take care of the mass requirements. Tom Goodman will be doing the sound system.
- Bishops appeal will be addressed at the March 11/12 masses
- Dave Stallard will be out of town for the last three weeks of Lent and through Easter. Paul Gottschlich will be the coordinator for the Holy Thursday service. Practice for the Thursday service will be Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM. Practice attendance is required, and will be run by Paul Gottschlich and Elaine Riley.

Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, May 10 7PM in the Annex

Formation will cover pages: Will work on survey for parish to begin work on our vision

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Larry Kervella

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Horan