

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
September 12, 2018
Annex of the church

Members Present:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer
Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Rick Sowell, Nate Garn, Barry Yachem, Melissa Madrigal, Claire Clasen, Sheila Horan

Committee Members:

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

Members Absent:

Parish Council Representatives:

Kathy Stocchetti, Lance Solaroli, Frank Grim

Committee Members:

David Keneally: Parish Social Ministries, Open Rep: Community Life

Opening Prayer and reflection: Nate Garn

Old Business:

- Minutes from May 9 and June 13 to be approved: The minutes for both meetings were approved
- Elections for Parish Council Officers: Nominations were made and seconded for each position without opposition.
 - Ricky Sowell will be the Chair
 - Barry Yachem will be the Vice Chair
 - Sheila Horan will remain as Secretary

New Business:

- Ministries, organization, and representation
 - A chart showing ministry categories and the ministries included in each category was put together over the summer. See attached.
 - There was discussion as to what is included where and the responsibility of each category. It was noted that the Parish Council does not include a representative of the Finance committee. Both are advisory groups to the pastor, they have different focuses and they will be kept separate. Each ministry group that requires funds needs to submit a budget to Lori to request funds. That request would then go to the finance committee.
 - For the Parish Council each group should report their activities to the category representative, so they can inform the Council of how each group supports the mission of the parish and the upcoming activities that will occur.
 - The current categories are: Social Justice, Worship, Formation, Community, New Evangelization, Knights of Columbus, and Administration. Each category will need one lead person and a backup person to represent their category and report to the Parish Council.
 - It was recommended that we split out all the ministry groups, so we can see all the various things our parish is doing.

- It was also recommended that we reflect on chart and review it for the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

New Evangelization: Nate Garn:

- A health fair was held for the first time. It was thought that the crowd was reasonable for a first time offering and that the material presented was useful and well done.
- That Man Is You was well attended. About 25 people attended the first meeting of the 26-week program. They would like to encourage younger men to attend. This is a 3-year program.
- Bowling activity had 4 teams participate – all had a good time.
- The New Evangelization committee's purpose is to generate ideas and have other groups pick up these ideas and implement them.

House Church Leadership Committee: Rick Gausmann

- The first meeting for the fall was cancelled due to the evacuation called for by the Governor.
- The chair sent out updated rosters to all the house churches to update their information – especially if we need to contact people about cancelling parish activities.

Social Ministries: Dave Keneally: Debbie provided a report of St. Paul Soup Kitchen:

- St. Kateri helped with the St. Paul Soup kitchen on Sept 1 and worked it again on Sept 8.
- Initially St. Paul Soup Kitchen was a youth project, but it has now expanded to include the parish
- We have a few families who serve St. Paul Soup kitchen regularly on their own
- People receiving the food are gracious and appreciative. They usually have 20-40 people that are served.
- The next scheduled date to serve there is October 27.

Parish Community Life: Open: Report by Debbie Gausmann

- Sunday coffee and cookies is going very well. People are staying to socialize.
- The New Evangelization committee initialized the idea of having something to encourage socializing after mass and added the cookies/pastry to the coffee already being offered. The New Evangelization committee continued to provide this service over the summer, but the community should pick this up and move this away from the Evangelization Committee. People may donate cookies, donuts, money or other treats to have with coffee.
- Maureen Gottschlich is currently in charge of receptions.

RE & Adult Faith Formation: Debbie Gausmann

- The Monday faith study is on Catholicism. This was done several years ago, but thought it was worth repeating
- The Young Adults have about 10 -15 people meeting and doing Theology on Tap. This is a group of young people combined from different parishes. The challenge is to get the group together – the age range is 18 – 35 years and they don't always have common interests. They do well when they are working on a service project.
- College ministry is being led by Donna and Danielle Brookover. They are focusing on sending gift cards and prayer cards instead of little items. This should help cut down postage costs.

- RCIA is currently being restructured to meet with diocesan requirements of having year-round formation (people can start the program anytime of the year). Five teams for each section of the program are being formed.
- Summer Vacation Bible School went well.
- Men's team is gearing up for the fall

Youth: Larry Kervella

- Youth leadership team met. It's great having so many returning high students working on this (20 students)
- They have a good group working on the confirmation retreat.
- The Mid school kick-off was postponed due to the hurricane. The Mid and High school kick-offs will now be combined.

Knights of Columbus: Ricky Sowell This duty was passed to Rick Gausmann

- October Fest: Tickets sales are progressing. 40 to 45 tickets have already been sold. Tickets will continue to be sold until the event Oct. 5.
- Forming a Council: The Knights currently have 42 men attending the round table. They need to check and see how many want to commit to the next level of forming a council. They are looking at January or before lent as the time frame for possibly forming a council.
- Bingo: The Monday night Bingo is going well. It's a lot of work. They do manage to have 3-4 people to cover each Monday night.

Facilities: Rick Gausmann

- The Facilities Committee did a complete and thorough walk through of the parish (buildings and grounds). A 24-page report was made covering all projects that are needed with priorities assigned to them. Projects will be addressed as funds are available and by priorities assigned to them.
- The top priority now is the roof to stop the leaks and flooding that we have in the main building. The scope of the work of what's needed to fix the leaks has been prepared. This project may run into a substantial amount of money. The entire roof will be examined.

Liturgy: David Stallard

- Issues raised and addressed:
 - An issue was raised about putting the mass responses into the music issue to help those who do not know them or who are new to the church. This will not be done. The parish is trying to save on paper and this would expand the issue to the point that there would not be any paper savings.
 - The invitation to use the family room was modified. The word "disturb" was replaced with "distract"
 - A dress code has been proposed for the liturgical ministers while serving on the altar. This dress code was adapted from the local school dress codes. Input has been solicited from the current ministers and will be reviewed at the next Liturgy Committee meeting.

Pastors Notes:

- **The Only activities for the weekend (September 13-16) will be the Mass and RCIA between masses due to the possible impact of hurricane Florence.**
- The Bishop is doing away with the LPA (local parish groups) and instituting Deaneries (regional grouping of parishes). We will be in Deanery 4 with 8 other parishes. The Dean of the Deanery

needs to be selected. Although Fr. Bob is well qualified for this he will not serve if asked. The Dean would be a consultant to the Bishop.

- The Mass for Atonement in Richmond will go on as planned on Friday, September 14.
- Father would like to do something here at St. Kateri as a response to the abuse scandals in the church. We will be offering VIRTUS training Saturday, September 22 at St. Kateri. VIRTUS increases the awareness of safety and what to look for in various situations to keep our children safe. We would like to be pro-active and raise our awareness by putting VIRTUS updates in the bulletin. We may do something more.

Next PPC meeting: October 10, 2018. In the annex at 7PM

Tasked items for next meeting: Please review, think about and give input for:

Review ministry chart

Update the Constitution/Bylaws (attached)

Look at faith formation – what we should do for faith formation as a Council.

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Nate Garn

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Horan