

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
May 9, 2018
Annex of the church

Members Present:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer
Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Dick Stocchetti, Jim Hines, Sheila Horan, Barry Yachem, Melissa Madrigal, Sue Wilkinson,
Claire Clasen, Kathy Stocchetti, Rick Sowell, Nate Garn

Committee Members:

Debbie Gausmann: RE & Adult Faith Formation; Larry Kervella: Youth Ministry
Representative, Rick Gausmann: House Church Leadership Committee, Nate Garn: New
Evangelization, Rick Sowell: Knights of Columbus Representative

Members Absent:

Parish Council Representatives:

Frank Grim, Lance Solaroli

Committee Members:

Dave Stallard: Liturgy Committee; David Keneally: Parish Social Ministries; Anne Boeh:
Community Life

Opening Prayer and reflection: Claire Clasen

Old Business:

Mission statement: The mission statement is now ready to be posted on the Parish web site

Elections: Only three people applied to run for parish council. By acclamation and Father's approval
the following 3 people have been added to the parish council as voting members:

Kathy Stocchetti
Rick Sowell
Nate Garn

New Business:

Mary Beth Young will be the new Parish PK-5th grade religious education director. Mark
Hoggard has taken a full-time position at St. Pius and will not be coming to St. Kateri. Debbie
Gausmann will remain as religious education director with a focus on young adults and adult
faith formation.

A question was brought up about adding the mass responses to the music issue so people new to
the mass or unfamiliar with the responses would have them available. There are mass response
cards that are available from the greeters. Perhaps the liturgy committee can look into the
worship aids.

Committee Reports:

New Evangelization: Nate Garn:

- The Parish Picnic is set for May 20th. There is to be one more meeting of the Picnic Committee to make final preparations on May 16th. Bring guests and invite others to join with us!
- Men's Prayer Group will meet this Saturday the 12th of May. It will be the last meeting of the year. The Men's Group will likely be switching formats next year while we look at the possibility of implementing the This Man Is You program for Men. It is a program that offers men practical solutions and shows them what their role should be as husbands and fathers in the family. The days and time of the Men's Group meeting may change. We are looking at different options to see what fits best for our men's community.
- The Health Fair is coming along well. It will be held on the weekend of August 25 & 26th. There will be several booths or areas that cover a whole spectrum of good health.

House Church Leadership Committee: Rick Gausmann

The house churches have begun to look at the house church set-up and purpose. We were looking to focus on:

- Maintain the integrity of Active units
- Invite new people
- Do away with what is not working
- Include in Committee(s) that report to the parish council
- Soup Suppers
- Communicate

Input from the house churches in general indicated that in the active house churches the focus is on socialization, and community, and some faith formation. We are looking to keep the active house churches active but do some reorganization. The focus will be on socialization. People would not be assigned to house churches but would choose what they want. We would need to work on the communication to the parish that the house churches provide.

Knights of Columbus Report: Rick Sowell:

- Currently have 35 members which is enough to start a council. They may get 6-7 more members. They will wait until January to apply to be a council.
- Active in the parish:
 - Helping with the Mass in the Grass celebration (hot dogs, sno cones, popcorn)
 - Oktoberfest: planning this celebration
 - Christmas card sales will be in November
 - Currently working on building a ramp to access the annex. The permit for the ramp is currently in progress

Facilities Committee: Rick Sowell:

- Currently meet on Saturdays.
- Members have gone over the church to identify needs for the building and prioritizing these needs. Once the church work is complete, then the annex will be addressed.
- First priority is to fix the back of the church and roof (where there is leaking)

Social Ministries: Dave Keneally:

No Report

Debbie reported: We need to add St. Paul Soup Kitchen to the Social ministries list of ministries. Millie Gilliam will be the St. Kateri coordinator of the St. Paul Soup kitchen ministry. She is budgeted for 6 visits to man the soup kitchen (\$150/year). Running Man had been doing St. Paul Soup Kitchen on Sunday mornings as part of their house church, it is unknown if the Topp family will continue this on their own. Rita Smith also serves some Saturdays on her own.

Parish Community Life: Submitted by Elaine Riley and Anne Boeh, read into the minutes by Sue:

- Parish Community Life was saddened, this past year, to lose one of our founding members: Fran O'Donohue. Fran was instrumental in starting this ministry, and working with the committee, even while ill. We will miss her candid comments and especially the humor she brought to every event.

- We facilitated the funeral reception for Paul Esper, noting that his good friend from the Poquoson Marina prepared and delivered all the food.

- CONFIRMATION:

On April 29, we helped facilitate the reception for Confirmation that was held at Immaculate Conception in Hampton. While we agreed to take on this reception, after being asked by Monica, we have several observations. The parents' who signed up to bring food were very generous, bringing a wide variety of food that was enjoyed by everyone who stayed for the reception.

The leaders of Immaculate Conception's Parish Community Life ministry were understandably concerned and uncomfortable having strangers in their kitchen, which in turn, made us feel uncomfortable being there. Consequently both groups worked in the kitchen begging the question, why were we there? If the goal was to relieve them of the responsibility for the reception it wasn't met. Therefore, we feel that it would be best to support them financially and let each group work their own kitchens. In the future, our recommendation would be that instead of using our parish community life committee, a financial contribution be made that would cover supplies, cake, etc.

- PICNIC

On May 20th, Parish Community Life will facilitate the Pentecost *Mass on the Grass* Parish Picnic. The Knights will assist Ricky Sowell at the grill by cooking hot dogs and manning the popcorn and snow-cone machines.

Parish Community Life will receive food brought by parishioners and be responsible for setting it out. We will have the same disc jockey as last year, Greg Martin, who everyone seemed to enjoy. We will also purchase the drinks and desserts.

- ST. KATERI FEAST DAY

July 14th is the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, our namesake. Since the 14th falls on a Saturday, it is the consensus of the Parish Community Life Ministry that we celebrate the feast-day with Mass and a reception that we will facilitate. We also believe it would be a wonderful gesture to invite our new Bishop to this celebration.

We will await feedback on this suggestion.

Action Item: Parish Community Life Ministry needs to contact Father to discuss St. Kateri Feast Day.

Debbie Gausmann Added the following input regarding the Confirmation celebration: The St. Kateri youth have been celebrating confirmation at Immaculate Conception for many years and we felt it was a burden for them to handle the ceremony and the reception. Immaculate Conception had their people available to ensure that the health standards were being met in the kitchen since they have stricter rules there. St. Kateri felt a responsibility to help with the celebration since we have the largest group being confirmed. Monica (being a member of Immaculate Conception) as well as children religious education director at St. Kateri Co-ordinated the help given to Immaculate Conception and asked the Community Life ministry to work the reception. The Youth Minister at Immaculate Conception was thrilled to have help.

RE & Adult Faith Formation: Debbie Gausmann

- Vacation Bible School: Monica has already done the preliminary work for the multi-age program. The materials are in and we only need to work on promotion. They are shooting for

95 children and teens. The VBS will be the first full week of August. Immaculate Conception Parish was invited to join with us, but they declined.

- Adult Faith Formation: The Monday night group is almost finished History of the Catholic Church. Dave Ramsey Financial Program (financial planning from a faith-based perspective) is being developed. The Women's Bible Study will have their last meeting Wednesday May 16. They are studying Acts of the Apostles and will continue this study in the Fall. They have around 20 women.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word is looking to extend this ministry through the summer and they are looking for volunteers. Young adults back from college would be welcomed for the summer lessons.
- Youth: Graduation mass will be June 12 at 6:30 PM. The Middle School Retreat earlier this month went well, and all the middle school and high school religious classes are completed for the summer.

Liturgy: David Stallard

No Report

Father Bob reports that 6 more altar servers are needed for the 5:30PM mass. Michelene Menapace is handling the altar server scheduling.

Discussion:

The Parish Council thanked Sue Wilkinson, Rick Stocchetti, and Jim Hines for their years of service and dedication to the council. We have been blessed by their service.

Pastors Notes:

There is now a reserved parking space for the pastor (a gift from the parish staff)

Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Melissa Madrigal

For the Next Meeting:

Elections of Parish Council Officers, the Pastor will lead the meeting until officers are elected.

Parish Council needs to look at all the ministries/committees what they do, and how they report to the parish council.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Horan