

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 13, 2018
Annex of the church

Members Present:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer

Parish Council Representatives:

Rick Sowell, Sheila Horan, Barry Yachem, Melissa Madrigal

Committee Members:

Debbie Gausmann: RE & Adult Faith Formation; Larry Kervella: Youth Ministry Representative, Dave Stallard: Liturgy Committee; Rick Gausmann: House Church Leadership Committee; David Keneally: Parish Social Ministries; Rick Sowell: Knights of Columbus and Facilities Committee

Members Absent:

Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Kathy Stocchetti, Frank Grim, Lance Solaroli, Nate Garn, Claire Clasen

Committee Members:

Community Life; Nate Garn: New Evangelization

Opening Prayer and reflection: Melissa Madrigal

Old Business:

Elections: Officers for the Parish council were not selected since we did not have a quorum of voting members

Minutes: The May 9th minutes will need to be approved in September

Question for liturgy: Can/should we add the mass responses to the music issue?

New Business:

Ministries, organization, and representation

Committee Reports:

New Evangelization: Nate Garn: No Report

Discussion of Evangelization activities:

Rick Sowell: The Men's prayer breakfast will meet weekly starting in the fall with a study called: That Man is You. Breakfast will only be monthly, but the study will be weekly. Plans are in place to rotate the study leadership.

Dave Keneally: Bowling at York Lanes will take place this Sunday (June 17) at 5PM. The cost is \$9.

Debbie Gausmann: The parish has bought out two auditoriums at the Hampton AMC theater for the viewing of Pope Francis – a Man of his word. Tickets are almost all sold at this time. The showings are Friday, June 22 at 6PM. The cost is \$8/ticket. Also, there will be a Health Fair

August 25/26. Millie Gilliam is heading up the fair. The fair will include ways to live healthier lives – including the Daniel Plan, and medical personnel.

House Church Leadership Committee: Rick Gausmann

After considering inputs from the House Churches and discussion with Fr. Bob, the House Church ministry will stay as is with minor changes to registration and focus:

- Names and geographic areas stay the same.
- At registration, new members will be listed in a HC for email contact purposes.
- HC leaders will be advised of new members for their contact and invitation purposes.
- HCLC will continue to represent the House Churches at Parish Council, maintain the Parish email information tree, and schedule soup suppers.
- The HC charter and guidelines will be rewritten.

Social Ministries: Dave Keneally:

PORT: 15 members of St Kateri worked PORT multiple shifts at St Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church this past winter. St Kateri committed to a day in Thanksgiving week 2018 (November 21-27) at Temple Baptist (our long-standing commitment). As in the past, we will not know the exact day until October but are asking that you keep this on your radar. Last year we did a second PORT at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Newport News and they have asked if we are willing to work another PORT the week of December 12-18 at that church. If you didn't get a chance to work then, I can tell you it is a great church with a fantastic kitchen. Eileen Lininger will lead the PORT Event for St. Kateri at Temple Baptist as she has in the past but needs someone to take the lead for the second PORT if we are going to commit. This is an extremely rewarding ministry in my opinion. It's a fair amount of work to lead but totally worth it when you see our brothers and sisters safe and warm and fed. Eileen Leininger's email is eileenleininger1@gmail.com Please email her if you're interested.

KAIROS: St Kateri had one inside minister for Kairos 15 at Sussex II State Prison in April. However, due to prison violence in the South Carolina system, Sussex II was put on lock down and Kairos 15 was cancelled. Cookie donations and prayer sign-ups from outside ministers both exceeded expectations and the money donated by the church for the inside minister will be applied to the Kairos 15 this fall. All cookies were still given out and none went to waste.

FOOD PANTRY: Nadine has indicated that with the Farm Fresh supermarkets closing, many discounted products will not be available now. The need is increasing, and they will need help to meet this need.

St. PAULS'S SOUP KITCHEN: This is a continuing ministry. Debbie will schedule the dates and Millie Gilliam will oversee each visit. Sign up sheets will be available a couple of weeks prior to the scheduled dates. The next scheduled date is July 14.

Parish Community Life: Report submitted by Anne Boeh:

Elaine Riley and Anne Boeh, co- chairs of Parish Community Life, have both informed Fr. Bob and the council secretary, of their resignations from the Parish Community Life Ministry. An outreach will have to be made to the remaining members to determine who would be willing to be the new chair, as well as who will be the representative for the Parish Council.

Discussion of Community Life Service (by Debbie): The cookies and coffee will continue to be offered throughout the summer months (8:30 AM and 11AM masses). The Parish Community Life will need to be broken into several smaller ministries.

RE & Adult Faith Formation: Debbie Gausmann

The Adult study group completed the study Epic (History of the Catholic Church). The studies for the Adult faith formation for next year will be: Catholicism, the Gospel of Luke and will conclude with the series Pillars 2: The Sacraments.

The Women's group will continue with the Acts of the Apostles on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 9:30 AM until noon.

A new study called Formed is being investigated for home study.

The Religious education classes went well and are completed for the year. The Vacation Bible School is getting ready and Marybeth is leading that. There will be four mission trips this summer (Dover DE, Morgantown NC, Benton TN, and St. Croix (young adults)).

Graduation mass was this past Tuesday June 12. There were 12 graduates there to celebrate.

There will be a young adult send off August 12 with a reception to send off graduates to their future endeavors.

Knights of Columbus: Ricky Sowell

Two Second degrees are Thursday night, June 14. There are currently about 35 members and they are on track to start a council in January. The Knights have helped with the picnic on Pentecost. The ramp they were hoping to make for the annex may be changed to a lift instead. The main purpose of the Knights is to assist the parish.

Facilities: Ricky Sowell

Lance is currently chairing this committee. Their purpose is to prioritize work that needs to be done in and around the church and make recommendations (not do the work). They have a list of facility priorities and the roof is at the top of that list. It appears that the roof is good for straight falling rain, but when there are intense winds we have the leaking. They will be getting the entire roof checked to see where the problem is. When done with the church building they will move on to the annex and look at concerns there.

Liturgy: David Stallard

- Finished the liturgy for the picnic and the transition from mass to picnic went well.
- Reviewed the Holy week plans to make the liturgy run more smoothly next year.
- CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) is now officially part of the liturgy committee. They will continue with this ministry through the summer and currently have enough people to man it.
- St. Kateri Feast Day celebration: We will have a prayer service on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 7PM to honor St. Kateri. The service will include someone who will speak to us about St. Kateri and will have a finger food reception following the service.

Discussion of reports:

A lesson learned from the picnic and the soup suppers is that we should not rush people – let them socialize. At the picnic, some tables were being cleared to allow for dancing, and some people thought that was the signal that the event was over. We need to make clear what is being done so we don't make people think an event is over before it is over. The tables could have been moved aside instead of being put away. Just something to be aware of.

Pastors Notes:

- Father Bob is working on organizing a quarterly meet and greet for new members to the parish. This will give them a chance to meet Father, the staff, and learn about what is happening in the parish and get them involved. It is anticipated that this will start in September
- A new service has been hired to clean the church. They are doing an excellent job.
- Marybeth seamlessly moved in to the religious ed (PK4-5) position and is doing an excellent job.
- Priest assignments have been made for the coming year. Three re-assignments have been made for our local area, but Father Bob will remain where he is.
- The Bishop has decided to break up the diocese into deaneries. These will be geographic regions of the diocese where the priests meet to share information. There will be one priest in charge of each deanery and these priests will report to the Vicar who will report to the Bishop. This is in process and no lines or organization has been done yet.

Next PPC meeting: September 12, 2018

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Nate Garn

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Horan