

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
September 11, 2019 7PM
Annex of the church

Members Present:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer
Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Melissa Madrigal, Lance Solaroli, Kathy Stocchetti, Rick Sowell (Chair), Nate Garn, Mary Egan, Rick Gausmann (Vice Chair), Darlene Heinz, Lindsay Lockett

Committee Members:

New Evangelization: Paul Gottschlich
Community: Rick Gausmann
Formation: Debbie Gausmann
Youth Ministry Representative: Larry Kervella:
Knights of Columbus: Rick Gausmann
Administration/Facilities: Lance Solaroli
Worship: Dave Stallard

Members Absent:

Parish Council Representatives:

Barry Yachem, Andrea Lemieux

Committee Members:

Social Justice: David Keneally

Call to Order

Opening Prayer: Ricky Sowell

Faith Formation: Rebuilt Pages 171-204

These two chapters focused on tithing and ministry. Ideas that stood out in the book:

- They had a giving Sunday to praise the work being done and to show to the parish what is being done with the funds.
- They had different types of givers. Not all had to be tithing – but they were encouraged to specify an amount or percentage and make it part of their budget. This would make the people better stewards.
- Put a positive spin on giving – it’s not a “we have to do this”; it’s “we get to give”.
- The community defines the space; not the other way around.

How do we want to ask people to give? :

- Educate people on giving
- Once a year have a commitment/Stewardship weekend where the parish can commit to supporting the parish financially – the Parish does need to know how to plan their budget and that can only be done if there is some idea of funds coming in.
- The council should set the example of giving

Ministry: Everyone should be involved in ministry

How do we do this?

- Mentor new people
- Extend personal invitations
- Start small – let them grow into their ministry

- Use the parish meet and greet

Currently, new parishioners can indicate an interest in a ministry when they register, and their contact information is sent on to the ministry leader.

Approval of Minutes for June – Minutes approved.

Old Business:

Report on Harmony retirement facility and their needs – No further information has been obtained. It is unclear as to what happens there. David will try to get more information from Terri Johnston.

Retreat: Debbie has arranged for the fall retreat. The dates of the retreat are Friday, October 11, 7-9pm and on Saturday, October 12, 10am – 4pm. Mark Hoggard is from Kairos Consultants as well as being the Director of Religious Education at St Pius X in Norfolk and he will lead the retreat. So far, the theme is “Building on the Foundation”. We will possibly use the book “REBUILT”. So please read up thru the October assignments (205-240)

At large voting for parish council members - Barry

Barry had to be out of town, so no report at this time.

Committee Reports:

New Evangelization: Paul Gottschlich and Nate Garn

- Bowling has ended for the year – nice turn out.
- Evangelization committee will have their first meeting this year later this month
- Bike group is active. They go various distances and do not leave anyone behind. They bike on Saturdays (8AM in the summer, about 10AM in the fall)
- Meet and Greet (Mary Egan):
 - Will happen 4 times a year
 - First meeting: Sunday September 29 after the 11AM mass (12:15PM), will last about 1 hour
 - Meetings for 2020: January 26, April 26, July 26, and September 27
 - There will be a follow-up meeting on Oct 9 at 1:30 PM to discuss how the first session went and what additions/changes should be made
 - Attendees from the parish will be: Parish staff, and the Committee Member representatives on the Parish Council (or their representative). They should be prepared to give a brief overview of the ministries in their area.
 - Ministry booklets will be available for the new members.
 - New members will be invited by postcard from the parish, and announcements. There is a sign-up sheet for new members to indicate that they will attend.

Community: Rick Gausmann

- House churches will start meeting this month. Woodlake Crossing/Coventry will be studying Bishop Barron’s: 7 deadly sins/7 lively virtues and is beginning to plan for Haiti donations and Lent soup supper.
- Green Thumb: Service Saturday is Saturday, September 21 to clean up the grounds.
- Prayer Chain intends to start recruiting for more members and to let the parish know about our ministry

Social Justice: Dave Keneally – unavailable for report

Formation: Debbie Gausmann

- RCIA – going well. There are currently 5 going through preparation (3 are minors). Three adults will celebrate full communion with the church at the 11AM mass, September 29.
- Online registration is being used this year for Religious Education. Currently there are 83 registered for the PreK – 5, and 81 for the youth, 18 confirmation candidates and 18 for first communion.
- Due to lack of funds, the Religious Education program has a registration fee: \$20/child or \$50/family.
- Space is becoming an issue.
- We have 14 new families (with multiple children) in our parish
- There is now a Youth Ministry Handbook (attached after the minutes) that gives information on the youth program at our parish
- That Man Is You has two separate meetings/week. One on Sunday between the masses, and one on Saturday mornings.
- Adult Faith Formation has begun and is studying Vatican II for the fall.

Youth: Larry Kervella

- Summer Camps (Just 5 days, and Cove Crest) went well.
- Young Neighbors in action had 8 students attend in Washington DC. Larry was really impressed with the program as it includes a catechetical component and teaches advocacy. During their time the students worked with immigrant children, worked in the Franciscan garden (provides fresh vegetables for those in need), visited the monuments on the Washington DC mall, and met with political staff members from our state. Larry highly recommends that we do this again.
- Retreat was held to set up this coming year:
 - St. Jerome regional gathering of youth
 - 10th grade ropes course
 - Trunk or treat (Oct 27)
 - Gaga Pit done – just needs sand (seeking youth to help put the sand in the pit)
 - St. Nick service
 - Youth kick-off this weekend (Sept 15)

Knights of Columbus: Rick Gausmann

- Currently have 40 members
- Will be receiving the Knights of Columbus Star Award
- October Fest (Oct 4)
 - Food, fun and fellowship
 - Cost: \$20/adult; \$12/under 20; under 5 free; or \$55/family
 - Tickets will be sold after mass – proceeds will go to help sponsor the youth mission trips
 - Christmas cards will be sold in November
 - Knights will monetarily support coats for kids
 - Knights will sponsor the first stations of the cross during lent.

Administration/Facilities: Lance Solaroli or Lori Yankoski

- Dennis Howorth is the new parish maintenance manager. He is proactive and doing well.
- Parish office is running smoothly
- Finances are currently in the black. The e-giving seems to be helping
- Annual report has been submitted and will publish to parish when approved.
- Facilities:
 - Priorities have been assigned – main one is the roof
 - Roof:
 - Gathered history and put together RFP to send to contractors to assess our needs. The RFP was expanded to include the walls, windows, and drainage as well as the roof
 - 4 contractors were contacted, but only one responded
 - Assessment was performed in July for \$10k.
 - Assessment received in August. It included recommendations, and costs. Seemed to be thorough
 - First item to be addresses is the Coping. The Coping is damaged and lets water in.
 - Parish should add to the budget funds to caulk the building/windows every few years
 - Finance and Facilities committees will review recommendations and finances and then move ahead.

Worship: David Stallard

- Mass Coverages for Holy Days for the coming year were discussed and responsibilities assigned
- There is a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers at the 5:30PM mass. Will need to recruit more people for this ministry/mass.
- Barry Yachem provided stands with baskets for the worship aids (one at each entry)
- Darlene Heinz and Lori will work on a theme for Advent
- Reminder that all Eucharistic ministers must not leave to go to the kitchen until Father sits down.

New Business:

Parish Council Officers: Nominations were requested and vote ensued. Rick Sowell will again be the Chair of the Parish Council, and Rick Gausmann will be the Vice-Chair for the next year.

Making the Parish council visible to the parish

Rick Gausmann wanted to find ways to make the members of the parish council more visible and recognizable to the members of our parish. He proposed having a Parish Council bulletin board with pictures of council members and their emails. He also proposed putting council member photos on the parish website and also include the ministry leaders and parish staff. After a short discussion, it was agreed to have Rick Gausmann proceed with implementing his idea.

Parish Council Retreat: See Old Business

Pastors Remarks:

- Our Deacon now has two new grandchildren and has been visiting with them these past few weeks. He will be participating in all the masses every third weekend. Father is still working with him to work out what the deacon will be taking on. Deacon Phil still works although he is retired Air Force. We need to educate our parish about what deacons do.
- Priest Convocation will take place Oct 13 – 17 in Newport News. Father will be attending this. The topic is Happiness.

Action Items:

- **Prepare for the retreat. Read Rebuilt (all of it if possible) – ALL Members**
- **Parish Council visibility (bulletin boards and web site) – Rick Gausmann**
- **Meet and Greet - Parish staff and Ministry representatives (Debbie Gausmann, Larry Kervella, Dave Stallard, Dave Keneally, and Paul Gottschlich) or a representative for their committee group should attend (September 29 12:15PM at church) and should be prepared to talk about the ministries in their area.**
- **Check list for running the parish council elections – Barry Yachem**
- **Harmony Retirement Community – taking care of the needs of the Catholics there – Dave Stallard**

**Closing Prayer – Our Father
Adjournment**

**Next PPC meeting: October 9, 2019
(Rebuilt pages 205 - 240)**

**Parish Council Retreat: October 11 and 12. Friday 7-9PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM
Read the October reading of Rebuilt (or even finish the book)**

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Mary Egan

Respectfully submitted
Sheila Horan