

**Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**January 23, 2019 7PM**  
**annex**

**Members:**

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer

Parish Council Representatives:

Kathy Stocchetti, Rick Sowell, Nate Garn, Barry Yachem, Lance Solaroli, Claire Clasen, Sheila Horan, Frank Grim

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:**

Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Melissa Madrigal

Committee Members:

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

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer and reflection:** Clare Clasen; Prayers for the new year

**Faith Formation:** Discussion of reading – Rebuilt pages 1-34: Debbie led discussion over what the book was saying. Church isn't easy. The parish in Towson was facing a consumer culture, competing for time. Comments were about things we've seen here over the years. A healthy church grows. To grow, one needs to engage people. The New Evangelization committee and Father Bob have been working on this (being engaging and friendly).

**Approval of Minutes for December - approved**

**Old Business:**

**Update By-Laws** – reviewed and approved

**Letter to the ministries** – A modification of some wording was suggested. This will be made and the documents were approved. Nate will send them out to the ministry leads.

**Parish Brochure** – the pictures were changed and are ready to handout to new parishioners

**Committee Reports:**

**New Evangelization:** Nate Garn:

- Ministry Fair is scheduled for February 16/17 after the masses. The ministries have been contacted and plans are being made. Come help and support. The Parish Council will also have an area set up.

**House Church Leadership Committee:** Rick Gausmann

- The house churches will be providing the soups for the Lenten soup suppers

**Social Justice:** Dave Keneally (electronically); Father Bob added to the report:

- **KAIROS:**
  - Kairos will hold a two-day instructional at Sussex II State Prison this coming weekend, 26-27 Jan. A series of 10 scriptural talks with a common theme will be given. The weekend will finish with a two-hour reunion for all past Kairos graduates. As always, thank you to all St Kateri brothers and sisters for participating in this ministry.
  - The priest at Sussex 1 and 2 has been transferred. It is unknown if there will be priest coverage there. Kairos will not be impacted by this.
- **HAITI COMMITTEE:** The Haiti committee is alive and well. We have finished our two major activities for 2019 which was our Run for the Son, bringing in over \$18,000 and our sponsorship drive completing our \$50,000 commitment to St Michel school. Thanks to all our loyal parishioners who faithfully support Haiti. After our October trip to Haiti we saw that in Boucan Carre things are definitely improving in that there are fewer kids with the red hair of malnutrition. I wish I could say that this is happening all over Haiti.

**Community:** Open: Report by Debbie Gausmann

- After mass cookies are extremely popular. Claudia schedules people to do the coffee and Debbie schedules the cookies – we could use more people to bring cookies. The parish has a new coffee maker – don't push the unit back, leave it where it is, or you may break the plumbing. If using the machine, make sure the right pots are used. One is for water, and one is for coffee. The old coffee maker was returned.
- Bingo: The parish made over \$10,000 last year with the Monday night Bingo. Typically, 4 people from our parish are scheduled to work the Monday night. More people are needed to assist in this effort. The monies earned goes to the parish.

**Formation:** Debbie Gausmann

- **Bingo** for the youth ministry (a part of community fund raising nights) brings in some funds for the program. These nights are Wednesday and Sunday nights.
- Much is going on in Adult Faith Formation
  - Dave Ramsey study has about 24 people on Thursday nights
  - Monday night Bible Study is studying the Gospel of Luke
  - Tuesday night is RCIA
  - Thursday morning has a book club
  - Wednesday morning has a women's bible study
  - Baptism classes are occurring every other month
  - VIRTUS training is occurring every other month
  - Lance is teaching the youth group songs

Youth: Larry Kervella

- Confirmation retreat is February 1-3. So far, they have 12 leaders for the retreat, 3 young adult leaders and 15 students taking the retreat.
- Super bowl steak dinner fundraiser for the mission trips is February 3 – take out
- Diocese Youth Convention is February 8-10. There will be 2 adults and 5 youth from our parish attending.
- Talent Show (fundraiser for the mission trips) will be March 3. Parish staff will help judge

- There will be a Friday Stations of the Cross led by youth. They are also hoping to have a Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 19 – more on that as it develops.
- Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) will be July 14-19. There are currently 6 youth going, but we're hoping for 10, and 2 adults and we're hoping for 4.
- Just 5 Days will be June 16-22. Currently 8 youth are signed up, hoping for 10 and 3 to 4 adults.
- Covecrest will be July 21-27. It is almost full. We have 8 youth signed up, hoping for 10 and 2 adults. They will be traveling with Langley on a bus.

**Knights of Columbus:** Rick Gausmann

- As of January 16, the Round Table became a Council (number 17189) with 34 members.
- Election of officers will occur on February 5 with the installation at a later date.
- The Knights are sponsoring a Fish Fry on March 8 followed by Stations of the Cross at 7PM.

**Administration/Facilities:** Lance Solaroli

- The facilities committee is working on getting 3 bids to look at the roof
- They are also working on a list of work needed for the annex and will meet with Lori to get information for the report
- Work is being done to get gravel for the annex parking area that is currently very muddy. There may need to be a long-term solution worked out for this area.

**Worship:** David Stallard

- CLOW and Offertory traffic problem: They are trying to have the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) release at the beginning of the music for collection to minimize the traffic jam – it does seem to be helping. Also trying to have the people in the procession gather on the office side of the door to give room for the children to get out. Removing the back two rows of seats or moving the Credence table is also being discussed.
- David Young will be scheduling Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for 11 o'clock Mass.
- A retreat for Liturgical Ministers formation has been scheduled for February 16, 2019 from 10AM – 1PM. There will be speakers for formation and training.
- Lent:
  - Theme is Purify Our Hearts
  - Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7PM to be led by different groups of the parish: Knights of Columbus, Children, Social Justice/Haiti, Young Adults, Women's Scripture Study, Youth Ministry and then on Good Friday it is hoped to use the trail with the leaders to be determined.
  - Ash Wednesday services will be at noon and 7PM
  - Soup supper formation: Father will lead 2 Wednesdays, and Debbie will lead one and there will be Reconciliation and a Healing Service for the other Wednesdays.

**New Business:**

- Visiting Priest, Fr. Neal, will be at St. Kateri Feb 23/24 (from Food for the Poor). Father would like someone from the parish council to take care of him that weekend. He will stay at the rectory but will need a ride to and from the airport and church; taken out to dinner and possibly a lunch. Dave Stallard will provide for Fr. Neal.

- The Crossings is requesting rides for residents to come to mass at St. Kateri. The Crossings currently does not have an activity bus/van but has 10 people who would like to come to mass on Sundays. We may need to form a ministry to serve this need. We will ask Terri to work with the people at the Crossings to see what we can do for the people who want to come to mass and receive communion. We will also plan on having a sign-up area at the ministry fair to recruit people for this ministry.

**Pastors Remarks:**

- **The Deanery** meeting in December was an organizational meeting. No discussion of lay participation was done. The Bishop plans to visit each parish every 3 years and visit each priest every year.
- **The Bishops** will be meeting for 3 days in February in Rome to discuss accountability
- Our diocese will have a meeting in about a week to go over a list of priests who have had accusations made against them – not sure what this will involve.
- Father's email is still having hacking problems – be careful when opening any emails from Father Bob – check to make sure it is from him. Other priests in our diocese are also having this problem.

**Action Items:**

**Read Rebuilt (pages 35-84) for February meeting – Everyone**

**David Stallard will contact Terry about the Crossings**

**Nate will send out Ministry letters to area committee leaders**

**Closing Prayer – Our Father**

**Adjournment**

**Next PPC meeting: February 13, 2019**

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Frank Grim