

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
February 13, 2019 7PM
annex

Members:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer
Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Rick Sowell, Barry Yachem, Melissa Madrigal, Lance Solaroli, Claire Clasen, Sheila Horan,
Frank Grim

Committee Members:

Debbie Gausmann: Formation; Larry Kervella: Youth Ministry Representative, Rick
Gausmann: Community and Knights of Columbus; David Keneally: Social Justice

Members Absent:

Parish Council Representatives:

Kathy Stocchetti (caring for Grandkids), Nate Garn (ankle), Young Adult Rep (open)

Committee Members:

Dave Stallard: Worship; Nate Garn: New Evangelization

Call to Order

Opening Prayer and reflection: Frank Grim

Faith Formation: Discussion of reading – Rebuilt pages 35-84: Debbie led discussion over what the book was saying. Sometimes parishes can get so busy just offering programs for parishioners – being a consumer parish, that people can get burned out. What are we doing here at St. Kateri? Good programs sponsored by or promoted by Evangelization include: That Man is You, Bowling, increasing the welcoming to visitors, making outreach more visible. The parish has many outreach activities that help make a difference: Run with the Sun/Haiti, St. Paul soup kitchen, PORT. The parish also has 70% youth participation in the youth programs. Where do we need to change? Work to make new people feel welcome with a visit – contact people personally; one on one invitation to attend activities. It would be good to get the meet and greet going – this would help make the connection to the new parishioners.

Approval of Minutes for December - approved

Old Business:

- **Update on the Crossings Retirement Facility and their request for transportation to mass:** There has been some trouble making contact. It is being worked on. Liability issues will be investigated. If individuals pick up people, then two unrelated people should be in the car to be Virtus compliant.
- **Letter to the ministries** – Letters have not gone out.

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.
- Lori indicated that when she started in the parish office, there were 420 families. Now there are 454 families.

Social Justice: Dave Keneally:

- **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. Some cells were locked down due to the flu.
 - The priest at Sussex 1 and 2 has been transferred. No priest has been assigned. The men miss having a priest available and going to mass.
- **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.
- **PORT:** Ray Minek is organizing and starting to plan for the fall PORT. He will be opening this ministry up to the entire parish and will publicize it more so people will know about it and how they can help.

Community: Rick Gausmann: 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.
- There will be space at the Ministry Fair for the Community ministry groups and house church will be there as well. The soup suppers for Lent are organized and the soups will be provided by the house churches.
- March 23 will be service Saturday – clean-up day for the church grounds. Green Thumb needs to be informed.
- Jim Hines is working on the trail, getting it in shape for Stations of the Cross planned for Good Friday.

Formation: Debbie Gausmann

- **Religious Ed Numbers:** We have over 96 PreK – 5, and over 100 youth in our program.
- March 15: Children's liturgy will lead the stations of the cross at 7PM
- March 17: 5th grade will have escape room experience
- Sacramental preparation:
 - First Eucharist will be May 4/5. There are 22 children in this program
 - Confirmation will be June 4th at St. Joseph's. There are 16 in this program.
- Vacation Bible School this summer will be ROAR
- The 11th and 12th graders are active with the other youth groups. To serve on the Youth Leadership Team or confirmation the student must also be in the education program.
- Much is going on in Adult Faith Formation
 - Dave Ramsey study is going well. May be offered again in the summer for young adults.
 - Monday night Bible Study is studying the Gospel of Luke; will start Pillars of the church – Sacraments on March 11.
 - Book club is bonding well
 - Wednesday morning has a women's bible study is also doing well
 - Lance is great with the music for the junior youth group

Youth: Larry Kervella

- The junior and senior youth groups are doing well.
- Confirmation retreat on February 1-3 was great. They had 14 attendees, 11 team members, 3 youth directors, and 6 adults. Virtually all the attendees want to help with the middle school retreat. Almost all went to confession. The overall reaction was good; the only complaint was they don't like sitting on the floor.
- Super bowl steak dinner fundraiser for the mission trips raised \$900.
- Diocese Youth Convention is February 8-10 had 2 adults and 3 youth from our parish attending. Everyone enjoyed the convention. We need to get more to go next year.
- Talent Show (fundraiser for the mission trips) will be March 3. Parish staff will help judge. Still in need of 49 teens to serve. Have 38 volunteers and may need 21 more.
- Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) will be July 14-19. This is a High School workcamp. There are currently 8 youth going, and 3 adults. There is still space available for more. We may alternate the YNIA with Cove crest in the future.
- Just 5 Days will be June 16-22. Currently 10 youth are signed up and 4 adults.
- Covecrest will be July 21-27 (faith formation camp). We have 10 youth signed up and need adults. They will be traveling with Langley on a bus.

Knights of Columbus: Rick Gausmann

- The Council (number 17189) with 34 members and 4 pending is in the process of setting up the administration for the Council.
- The Council has a banner.
- The Knights are sponsoring a Fish Fry on March 8 followed by Stations of the Cross at 7PM.
- Bob Rumbaugh and Dave Young put crushed rock out for the parking area of the annex.

Administration/Facilities: Lance Solaroli

- Online giving is close to release. The St. Kateri website will be set up for payments. This will start in March.
- New Bulletin will start in March
- Collection is still down, but attendance is up. The parish is starting to cut back on spending. No one asked for help during the furloughs.
- Good administration team is making contacts for the roof

Worship: David Stallard

- David Stallard will begin putting together the Worship input for the Pastoral Council. This report will consist of input from the choir, Art and Environment, RCIA, Visitors to the Sick, and the Liturgy Committee (Altar servers, Funerals, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Coordinators, Lectors, and Ushers).
- The retreat for Liturgical Ministers formation, February 16, 2019 from 10AM – 1PM was discussed. The guidelines for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Mass Coordinators/Setup were reviewed and updated. Who and where the training for the ministries was discussed.
- Lent:
 - Theme is Purify My Heart
 - Tony Mattox, David Stallard and David Young will have a meeting prior to Feb 27th to determine participation from all three masses for the Holy Week services.

- Practice for Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be 6:30 PM Wednesday, April 17th. Practice for the Easter Vigil will be 10AM Saturday, April 20th. Readers for the Easter Vigil will practice 10 AM Saturday April 13th.

New Business:

- **Parish Council Elections:** The bylaws indicate that we should have at least 6 people run for the three open positions and that the election should be held the 2nd week of May. An election committee was formed consisting of Barry Yachem, Lance Solaroli, and Melissa Madrigal
- **Ministry Fair:** The fair will be after all the masses on February 16/17. The Parish Council will have a space at the fair. Rick Sowell can be at that area for the Saturday and 8:30 AM Sunday masses. Someone is needed to be there for the 11AM mass.

Pastors Remarks:

- Encourage all to attend the Liturgical Ministers formation.
- Bishop Knestout put out a list on the Diocesan website containing information and where to get answers concerning the sex abuse scandal.

Action Items:

Read Rebuilt (pages 85- 128) for May meeting – Everyone
Parish Pastoral Council Elections - Barry
Meet and Greet – Evangelization Committee
Liturgy needs to include all liturgical ministers in the ministry fair

Closing Prayer – Our Father
Adjournment

Next PPC meeting: May 8, 2019

Volunteer to lead opening Prayer: Dave Keneally