

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 14, 2020 7PM
Zoom Meeting – Debbie will send out the link (Tuesday or Wednesday)

Members:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer
Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Kathy Stocchetti, Rick Sowell, Nate Garn, Barry Yachem, Melissa Madrigal, Lance Solaroli,
Mary Egan, Rick Gausmann, Darlene Heinz
Young Adult Rep: position open

Committee Members:

Debbie Gausmann: Formation; Larry Kervella: Youth Ministry Representative, Dave Stallard:
Worship; Dave Stallard: Knights of Columbus; Jim Hines: Social Justice; Community and New
Evangelization Open

Visitors:

Mike Russell (Master Deputy – guest speaker), Vince Richard, Bob Rumbaugh, Pete Egan, Pete
Bedosti, Dennis Kennedy, Vickie Stallard, Tracy Yachem, Denis Howorth

Call to Order

Opening Prayer and reflection: Rick Sowell

Deputy Briefing – Civilian Response Course – You may want to take notes. This will take about 45 minutes.
Notes of this presentation are at the end of the minutes. In addition to the parish council 8 others were
there to see the presentation. There was some discussion after the talk:

- Rick and Denis did security awareness of our building.
- Need to involve the ushers and greeters
- Make sure people can find First Aid kits when needed
- We have a fire system that links to the fire department. Religious ed classes have a fire plan and
have had a fire drill already.
- Several parishes do have security for their parish offices, but not the church
- Work will go forward to have a security document and plan.

Faith Formation: Read Building Tools (chapter 20 - 29) - Will move this to November.

Approval of Minutes for September 2020: approved

Old Business:

- Rick Gausmann: Threat awareness. Presentation was given. Took about an hour. Rick will work on
putting together information from the course and a workshop he'll be taking to bring to the parish staff.
- Nate Garn: Funeral workshop – tabled for now
- Trunk or Treat – See Faith Formation report

Committee Reports:

New Evangelization: Funeral workshop tabled for now.

Community: Open

- **House Churches: (Sheila)**
 - Angela Render (HC Valmoore and Westover): Tried the Zoom house church meeting
and it went well and the folks who normally attend zoomed in ,minus two families.

We set up the next zoom for what would have been our regular oct meeting. We did agree to change the start time from 6:30 to 7:00

- Woodlake Crossing/Coventry/Running Man: We are running two different types of Zoom meetings. We will hold our usual house church meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Our first attempt at this will be (Oct 10) at 7:30PM – this will be a short video, prayer, discussion, and socialization. Our second type of meeting is a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday readings. We meet on Thursdays at 7PM. Our first try was October 1st and we had 9 people attend.
- **Green Thumb:**
 - The whole covid issue has precluded me from scheduling workdays but thankfully people like Kilcha and Dennis Kennedy have weeded the beds and kept things looking nice. We will be planting the second Ebony and Ivory Crepe Myrtle tree that was donated by our sister church (in October). The fall mulch day will be postponed to the spring when hopefully more people can help.
- **Prayer Chain:**
 - The prayer chain prayed for the Diocese Saint Vincent DePaul Octave of service suggested prayers: Each day of the Octave (Sunday, Sept 27 – Sunday, Oct 4) please pray if you can: Sunday – Hunger and homelessness; Monday – Racial justice; Tuesday – Addiction; Wednesday – Youth; Thursday – Care for Creation; Friday – Incarceration; Saturday – the Sick and Dying; Sunday – Displaced persons.
- **Calling Elderly in our Parish: (Lynn Kenneally)**
 - They are currently waiting to get addresses from the parish office of the people they will be writing to.
- **Meet & Greet; Parish Social Gatherings; Receptions; Sunday Coffee**
 - These are suspended until further notice

Social Justice: Jim Hines

As part of the diocese 200 anniversary our parish had a very successful new underwear drive for the less fortunate. I attended the twice monthly Office of Social Ministries.

- **Haiti Twinning Committee:**
 - Haiti 5K Race
Virtual Run/Walk with the Son for Haiti 5K - Nov. 21 - Dec. 6, 2020. You can run anywhere, anytime, alone or with a group between those dates. If you are competing, there is a feature that will allow you to submit your record. The cost is \$25 for individuals, and \$20 per participant of a family or team.
Registration and information at:
<https://www.raceentry.com/virtual-runwalk-with-the-son-for-haiti-5-k/race-information>
Not running or walking? You can always make a donation through the above site. We are also looking for 5K race sponsors. If interested, please contact Judy Townsend: 757-876-2417 or judy.townsend@verizon.net
 - 5K Raffle: (Information on: <https://stkateri.cc/haiti-ministry>)
"Special Raffle" of an Outer Banks beach condo (\$5 each, 6 for \$20)
"Mystery Raffle" for gift cards and baskets (\$1 single, \$5 for 6, \$10 for 15)
 - St. Michel Mission Trip:

Judy Townsend visited our twin parish of St. Michel with a group from Sacred Heart Cathedral, Knoxville, TN. This is the first visit in a couple of years. They were met at the airport by the new priest, Fr. Michelet Lamarre. Jud said that Fr. Lamarre was a delightful host and looking forward to future visits from St. Kateri.

• **PORT:**

Sent out emails to people who supported PORT last year and requested a bulletin note requesting help for PORT. Obtained sufficient number of volunteers to prepare dinner and to serve dinner. Little response from parishioners willing to donate food. Diocese rules prevent any preparations in the parish kitchen. Working on the menu for dinner. Trying to figure how to prepare "grab and go" breakfasts from food donations left in the parish kitchen. They need non-refrigerator breakfast items.

• **Prison Ministry:**

I had a zoom meeting with the office of social ministries. Sister Helen Prjean Nationally known for the book and movie dead man walking Provided insights into the death penalty

• **Food Pantry/Thrift Shop (Elaine Riley):** No Report

• **Ecology:**

Sent email notices to the Ecology Ministry Member on the following items:

1. Three articles related to climate change. One dealt with warm currents affecting the food supply for marine organisms on the west coast. Another the Arctic is shifting to a new climate, because of global warming. The third was a report that financial risks impacts were higher because global warming was increasing storms severity and droughts.
2. Two issues of Virginia State Parks. One highlighting a new hobby, dragonfly watching and the other issue highlighting 5 parks noted for Fantastic Autumn Foliage Displays.
3. A notice of a Biol Blitz at New Quarters Park.
4. A notice that Sept 26 was to be celebrated as Public Lands Day.
5. A reminder that York County was holding a recycling event for household chemicals and computers on Sept 12.
6. A notice that Catholic Climate Covenant was holding a webinar on Conscience, Discernment and Voting as an Act of Love.
7. A notice that Georgetown University was hosting a webinar on Pope Francis's new encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" on Human Fraternity and Solidarity.

If anyone would like more information about any of these items, please contact Pete Egan at peterjegan621@gmail.com.

• **Lackey Free Clinic and Menchville House – Cash Donations**

Formation: Debbie Gausmann

- All faith formation programs have started and are going well
- St. Vincent's thanked the Adult Faith Formation group studying Non-Violence for donated monies for the St. Vincent Outreach Ministry.
- Trunk or Treat is a cooperative effort with the Youth and the Knights. This is open to all parishioners – bring candy to give to children, wear your masks, and decorate your cars (or not) for a fun evening. Donations of candy will be accepted.

Knights of Columbus: Dave Stallard

The Knights had a virtual meeting to discuss support for the Trunk or Treat event. They have 5 or 6 volunteers and are hoping for more. All but one will work on the set-up and clean-up for the event, one will help assist with games. The Knights will continue to coordinate with Debbie.

Administration/Facilities: Lance Solaroli or Lori Yankoski

- **Roof and Repairs:** Denis and Lance have met with another contractor regarding the base of the wall at the caulk joints (that give the water on the floors). The contractor will give a quote but recommends caulking first and looking for ways to divert the water.
- Thanks to Lance for doing an excellent job in covering for Lori.
- Claudia is sending out bulletins to those requesting a copy and can't access the online bulletins.

Worship: David Stallard

- FR Bob discussed with the group what the meaning of Advent is.
 - Discussed the three Comings of Christ. FR Bob's emphasis is that the season stands on its own; look back on when Jesus was born; Jesus is present now, do not pretend that he has yet to come.
 - Advent is the beginning of the church year, starts the weekend of November 29th.
 - Committee reviewed songs Lori will use during Advent. The decision to use "...Waiting In Hopeful Anticipation.." was made as the Advent theme.
 - David S, Debbie, Claudia, and Angela will work on a way for parishioners to go to a bulletin on the website and post what the theme means to them in today's world. These inputs will be streamed before and after the 11 o'clock Mass. Possibly use two TVs to show the congregation what is being streamed to the community before Mass.
- David went over the items discussed with the Mass coordinators September 29th. The concern is having enough people to serve as lectors, ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers to support three Masses. Bill, David, and David are working on this. We would like to have 20 ushers/greeters for each mass and 8 lectors for each mass. That way each person would only need to work one mass a month.
- When we go to three Masses, Deacon Phil will return to his schedule of being present for one Mass a weekend except for the third weekend of each month. A Eucharistic Minister will be assigned to do what deacon Phil does for the Eucharist during Mass. Training will be required for people who will be serving.
- We are in need of a Funeral Coordinator. Tony Mattox has resigned from his position.
- Need to keep following the safety rules when attending mass (arriving 30 minutes early, wearing masks, social distancing).
- Need to keep up giving to the parish (tithing)
 - Need to make people more aware of giving
 - House churches were asked to notify members to continue to donate.

New Business:

- **Review Vision and Mission Statement – tabled for now. But we will begin a review soon.**

Vision Statement:

We worship, learn and serve in community following Jesus Christ who is our source and summit.

Mission Statement: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Church

In following Jesus Christ who is our source and summit, the mission of the St. Kateri Tekakwitha community is to worship, learn, and serve through:

- Full, active and conscious participation in the Mass which empowers our ministry and activity

- Active and engaging formation programs for all ages
- Recognizing and serving Christ in individuals according to their needs
- Actively pursuing service opportunities to expand our reach and impact and through promoting a welcoming community that meets the needs of a dynamic people of God.

Pastors Remarks:

- Wants to continue to work to ensure safety and security in the church and offices.
- The Diocese Bicentennial will continue with:
 - Bicentennial Eucharistic Congress (information will be coming)
 - Bicentennial Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase

Action Items:

- All - Read Building Tools (chapter 20 - 29)
- Rick Gausmann: work on putting together information from the course and a workshop he'll be taking to bring to the parish staff on safety and security.
- All – Invite people to serve at the masses (usher/greeter; Lector), and encourage people to continue their support of the parish (money)

Volunteer to lead opening prayer: Jim Hines

Next PPC meeting: November 11, 2020; 7PM; Zoom

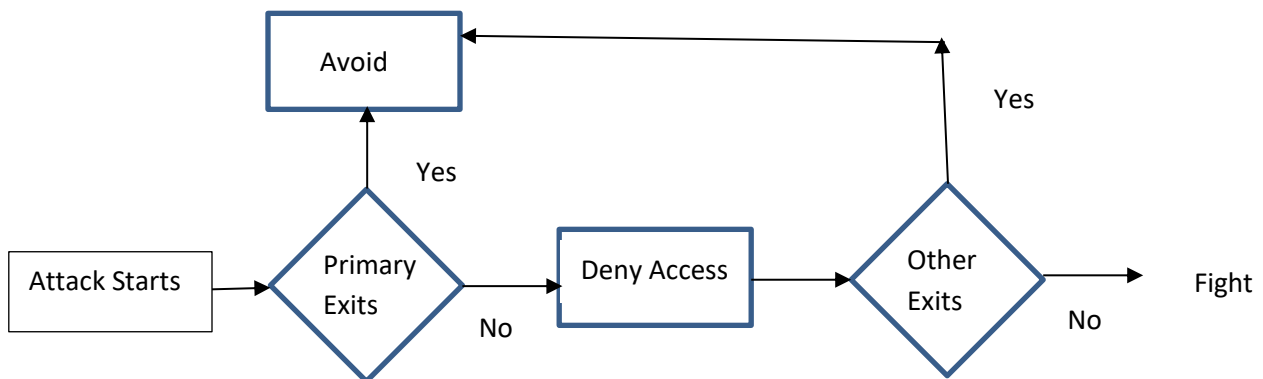
**Closing Prayer – Our Father
Adjournment**

Civilian Response Course – Active Attack Events, Stress Response and A.D.D. (Run, Hide, Fight)
Master Deputy Mike Russell

Focus on safety and security of Church and people in general any where

What is Your Plan?

- Situational Awareness
 - Aware of what’s happening around you – skill that can be developed
 - Saw a short video of a vendor. What did you see? Focused on one thing (counting people in orange shirts). When focused on one thing, don’t notice other important things
 - Selective attention – We notice the relevant, ignoring the irrelevant, think about what to look for – who is in the place, where are the exits
 - Profile vs Signature
 - Profile – What people look like – what stands out/is different
 - Signature – What are they doing – is it appropriate, doing something different than the others
 - Who is around me, what are they doing, where are they, where are exits?
- Disaster Response – How people respond in high stress events
 - Denial – event isn’t really happening (it’s firecrackers not gunshots)
 - Deliberation – What am I going to do: flight, fight, or freeze
 - Decisive Movement – taking action. We can train ourselves to be prepared. Turn your fear into anger, and have a script (a plan) – go through various scenarios what would I do if someone was breaking in my house? What if someone enters the movie theater shooting? Some choices can be:
 - Hide and Hope – is where you are hiding bullet proof? What will you do if found?
 - Avoid/Run – leave ASAP, know the exits, and call 911 when out
 - Deny/Hide – lock the door, turn off lights, stay out of sight. Barricade the door use door locks and/or door stops, ropes or tension to keep doors closed
 - Defend/fight – know where to position yourself to have an advantage (grab gun, fight). If fight, then fight with all you’ve got
 - Mindset play a part in your survival. What you do matters!
 - Flow diagram of steps to take:



- When Police Arrive:
 - Listen
 - Follow commands
 - Show your palms
 - Do not move until instructed to do so
- Law Enforcement focus
 - Stop the killing
 - Stop the dying
 - Evacuate the injured
- Other things you can do:
 - Medical: help with first aid; stop the bleeding
 - Personal issues:
 - Expect mental trauma
 - Develop a critical incident stress management plan

This presentation was recorded and can be viewed by small groups. Prepare yourselves: Discuss what to do before anything happens – think through where you/family are and what you can do to be safe and where you can meet if you get separated.