

Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
August 12, 2020 7PM
Church Alcove and Zoom

Members:

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer

Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Kathy Stocchetti, Rick Sowell, Nate Garn, Barry Yachem, Lance Solaroli, Mary Egan,
Darlene Heinz

Young Adult Rep: position open

Committee Members:

Dave Stallard: Worship; Dave Stallard: Knights of Columbus; Jim Hines: Social Justice;

Visitor: Dave Kenneally, Angela Haggard (set up Zoom)

Absent:

Parish Council Representatives:

Melissa Madrigal, Rick Gausmann; Young Adult Rep: position open

Committee Members:

Debbie Gausmann: Formation; Larry Kervella: Youth Ministry Representative;
Community and New Evangelization Open

Call to Order

Opening Prayer and reflection: Jim Hines

Faith Formation: No formation for August.

Read Building Tools (chapter 13-19; pages 63-85) for September.

Approval of Minutes for July 2020 – Minutes approved as written

Old Business:

- Rick Gausmann: recruit sheriff – TABLE until September
- Nate Garn: Complete funeral workshop and set date:
 - George Hammond with Claytor Rollins is ready when we are
 - Dave Stallard will work with Nate to get in touch with an estate lawyer
 - Nate wanted to get input for the mechanics of the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that:
 - Use Zoom for the workshop (Presentations and Q&A)
 - Presentations should be about 15 minutes followed by a Q&A session (no more than 15 minutes long). This would mean the workshop would be no longer than 2 hours. Look at starting at 6PM
 - Check the church calendar with Claudia for dates. A Thursday is the preferred day.
- Lori and David coordinate the ushers and lectors for the first communion and confirmation celebrations. They will get together this week to take care of that.
- All members: Join flock notes. Send a text to: 84576 send the message: STKATPPC to this text number. Most members have joined and those who didn't were added at the meeting. Lori said that responding to texts sent would be good to confirm that the text was received.
- Put up announcements and events on the streaming masses before the mass begins. Denis has started this. Any announcements put up need to be activities for the Parish and would need to be approved. Send any that should be posted to Claudia.

Committee Reports:

New Evangelization: Nate

- The funeral workshop is still being planned – see old business
- Commented about the That Man is You program.

Community: Open

House Churches: (Sheila)

From Poquoson North HC:

- Terry Johnson has been hosting a men's group That Man Is You (TMIY) Zoom meeting every Saturday morning at 8:30. It's actually quite good.
- Checking with members to see if there is any interest in their HC Poquoson North to have a monthly HC Zoom meeting to use as a venue to stay somewhat connected w/ the church.

Social Justice: Jim Hines

- I attended the dioceses Social Ministry and Prison meeting via zoom. We prayed and discussed the current state of social ministry in each attending parish. I'm taking the peace and justice class with Debbie. The Newsome Bailly organization thanked us again for our contributions. I attended a zoom meeting held by diocese Social Ministries on the Atomic bombing of Japan. We received a nice presentation from the Dorothy Day leader in Norfolk on the horrors of Nuclear weapons. There was a social ministry meeting today (8/12/2020). This involved a talk from someone from Dorothy Day and they went over what they are doing.
- **Haiti Twinning Committee:**
 - Haiti meeting this Wednesday, Aug 12, and will be discussing the virtual 5k in December. This would involve runners running on their own and turning in their times.
 - Just got news from our sister parish in Haiti. The primary school is resuming classes this week. No coronavirus virus cases in the area.
- **Ecology: (Pete Egan)**

Pete Egan has been busy sending out information and webinars to his group for them to read and study. Items sent includes:

 - A presentation on the effect of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic and Catholic charities and Catholic Relief Service effects to help the victims. You can access the recording here:
<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/faithful-recovery-time-climate-change>
You will also find the PowerPoint slides for the presentations from Kim Burgo (Catholic Charities) and Marilyn Shapley (CRS). Also, during the webinar, Marilyn Shapley from CRS shared this website: <https://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/resource-center/covid-19-and-hunger>. She asked that I send it along with the recording.
 - An email from Congresswoman Luria regarding her efforts to protect the Chesapeake Bay. This a very local issue.

- The Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA) is holding a Household Chemical & Computer Recycling event this Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on County Drive just off Goodwin Neck Road.
- From The New York Times: There Are Wasps in the Yard. You'd Better Get to Know Them. They buzz. They hover. Sometimes they sting. But how much do you really know about these insects that can menace our summers?
<https://www.nytimes.com/article/paper-wasps-yellowjackets.html?smid=em-share>

Formation: Debbie Gausmann; **Youth:** Larry Kervella; Lori and Nate reported

- The first communion masses (Aug 22 and 29) and the confirmation mass (Aug 26) will be streamed.
- Marybeth is on leave until next year. Angela Haggard will be helping out during this time.
- This week the diocese webinar will focus on religious education.
- RCIA is ongoing – contact Debbie if you are interested.
- That Man is You will be starting its third year in September. It has been continuing through the pandemic via Zoom. They have been getting 16-17 each week. Need to announce this to the parish to recruit men to attend in the fall.

Knights of Columbus: Dave Stallard

- The wood has been cut up and the debris cleaned up from the trees that were taken down.
- Plan to have a meeting Tuesday night 8/18 outside.

Administration/Facilities: Lance Solaroli or Lori Yankoski

- **NOTE:** Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be Saturday, August 15 at 11:00 am. It will also be live-streamed
- Diocesan annual report is due on Saturday.
- Online giving has fallen off
- Office bought 6 new computers (4 desktops and 2 laptops). At least one of the replaced computers was 11 years old.
- **ROOF:** A contractor has been selected and a down payment made for repairs on the roof. Work will begin in September. It was decided to do a pre-test as well as a post-test to be sure everything gets fixed. The pre-test will most likely be done the end of August.

Worship: David Stallard

- The masses are still being covered with lectors and greeters/ushers, but more people are needed to help with the masses.
- One lector has been taken off the roster for medical reasons and one new greeter/usher has joined the ranks (Guy Werner)
- A Baptism was safely done at the 5:30PM mass. All went well.

New Business:

- Lindsay Locket has moved to Virginia Beach and so will no longer serve on the Parish Council
- Lynn Kenneally is starting a new ministry to call the elderly in our parish. She is recruiting people to help with this ministry. This should also be added to the parish announcements.
- Tootsie Roll fundraiser from last winter: KOVAR is the Knights of Columbus statewide program that raises funds for the Intellectually Disabled through Tootsie Rolls. Eggleston services, a local

firm that provides housing and work opportunities for the Intellectually Disabled received \$20,000 for the purchase of equipment for their lawn care program.

Pastors Remarks:

- There will be random testing done at our parish. All people must wear a mask while inside the church. Parish staff can take off their mask in their own office but would need to put it on if someone comes into their office. There will fines if this is not followed.
- Correction for the above entry:
- The Diocese will be going to random churches to make sure that the proper procedures (as mandated by the state of Virginia) are being followed with regards to COVID-19. All people must wear a mask while inside the church. Father/deacon/lector/cantor/instrumentalist do not need to wear a mask when speaking/singing/playing at Mass. Parish staff can take off their mask in their own office but would need to put it on if someone comes into their office. There will fines if this is not followed.

Action Items:

- Dave Stallard to help Nate arrange for an estate lawyer
- Nate: check calendar for the funeral workshop (Thursday) and get it set up.
- All members: Read Building Tools (chapter 13-19; pages 63-85) for September

Volunteer to lead opening prayer: Kathy Stocchetti

Next PPC meeting: September 9, 2020; 7PM in the church alcove

Closing Prayer – Our Father

Adjournment