

**Minutes of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**March 10, 2021 7PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Members:**

ExOfficio Member:

Father Bob Spencer  
Lori Yankoski

Parish Council Representatives:

Lance Solaroli, Mary Egan, Rick Gausmann, Nate Garn, Darlene Heinz

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

Staff: Denis Howorth

**Absent:**

Parish Council Representatives:

Rick Sowell, Kathy Stocchetti, Barry Yachem, Melissa Madrigal  
Young Adult Rep: position open

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer:** Mary Egan

**Faith Formation:** Read Building Tools (chapter 52-63).

The topic of these readings is empowering others to step up

- Widening the gene pool: Need to give others opportunities. Works best one on one.
- Get the right people on the bus. Who is more important than what – get them involved then figure out what they will do. Have to be willing to wait for the right person.
- Know who you are looking for: character, competency, chemistry.
- Working on weekends (especially staff): need people to be involved on the weekends.
- To be leaders who learn – always be open to learning new things, ways. Would like to have a retreat for volunteers and include prayer. Prayer is vitally important
- Prepare for the battle as we change. Some people don't handle change well. Communicate with others (two way) to keep people informed.
- Damage control – keep things from spreading. Give correct information. Sometimes people disagree but can look for common ground. Some things arise from personality clashes
- Don't be upset when the wrong people leave. No matter what, some people will leave. Don't take insults personally.
- Don't be surprised when the right people leave. Encourage and support those who need to leave.
- Admit if you don't know what you are doing. Be willing to find out or ask for help.

**Review/Approval of February 2021 Minutes:** Minutes approved

**Committee Reports:**

**New Evangelization:** Open

Nothing to report. Debbie offered a story of a family that has their Religious Ed stations of the cross up around their house. The children were so upset when their dog ate station 13. Debbie asked if they knew which station it was – and they knew it was Jesus is taken down from the

cross. The children indicated that their friends ask about the stations when they visit and the children are able to explain what it is to their friends,

**Community:** Open

- **House Churches:** (Sheila)
  - HC Woodlake & HC Coventry HC and Valmoore & HC Westover continue to meet online
- **Prayer Chain:** Still receiving lots of requests

**Social Justice:** Jim Hines:

General social ministry: I have attended the Diocese online social justice meetings.

- We are considering having a Catholic Relief Services section in our parish. We are currently learning more about it and what is involved. This is a group that works on Global Hunger. The youth and children did rice bowls as part of their Lenten service (money goes to Catholic Relief Services). Training meetings are coming up in the next few weeks.
- Haiti  
Student Sponsorship is a year-round thing. If we can reach the level, we had last year (\$50,000), we can restore our school support to full funding. We have had to make a 25% cut in our support of both the primary and secondary schools.  
Our Haiti Committee to meet every third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, on zoom. New members are always welcomed.
- Port  
St. Kateri provided 56 homeless guests a lasagna dinner with salad and dessert, an evening snack, and a “grab and go” breakfast at the Temple Baptist Church on Sunday, February 28. 22 families donated all the requested food and supplies for the meals and 6 families helped prepare and serve the meal. The snack bags and the breakfast bags were prepared by 16 of our youth and 4 to 6 adults of the parish on Saturday, February 27. This was the second time that St. Kateri supported PORT during the 2020-2021 period to feed the hungry.
- Prison ministry  
Chaplain Moore from Sussex 2 State prison that we minister to Thanked us for the letters and cards to the prisoners during the Pandemic.
- Ecology  
During the month of February, the following emails were sent to the Ecology Ministry Members
  1. A webinar hosted by UC Irvine on Extinction of Species Irvine
  2. Four links to presentations, by the American Geophysical Union on the relationship between climate change and COVID-19.
  3. A link to Virginia State Parks on Bird Counts.
  4. A webinar by the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine on Climate Conversations.
  5. An article on survival of Arctic wolverines.
  6. A webinar hosted by Catholic Climate Covenant A Laudato Si Lens on Environmental Justice.
  7. A webinar hosted by the Nature Conservancy on their Allegheny Highlands Project
  8. A link to recycling requirements for all governments on the Peninsula.
  9. Links to two webinars hoisted by Georgetown on Social Justice

**Formation:** Debbie Gausmann

- Monday Faith Formation on Revelations on Zoom is going really well. The next topic will Start on April 12 and will be The Mass with Bishop Barron.
- Debbie would like to offer retreats for volunteers
- Summer Work camps: The Challenge is that all supplies have to come from the parish which we could do. But it won't be until mid-end May at the earliest to know if the parish can transport students – so our parish will not participate this year. The Young neighbors and Just 5 Days are closed out and won't happen this year. The current plan is to do several service days.

**Youth:** Larry Kervella

March 24 we will confirm our students with the Bishop, 7-8 PM

**Knights of Columbus:** Dave Stallard

- Knights are continuing the Rosary and Stations of the Cross on Friday during Lent.
- Nine 4<sup>th</sup> degree candidates will be installed on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Administration/Facilities:** Lance Solaroli or Lori Yankoski

- Roof has been postponed due to weather – looking to start after Easter
- Logs on the parish grounds need to be moved before March 24
- Need to fix up the Parish grounds – need to have a service Saturday. Debbie will coordinate with Darrell to get it set up (Possible dates may be April 17, April 24 or May 15)

**Worship:** David Stallard

1. FR Bob led the discussion for determining the procedures for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The procedures are in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Diocese.
2. Items of Note:
  - Palm Sunday – No procession; palms will be blessed and distributed at the end of Mass. If you want palms but can't attend mass, have a friend get them at mass for you and bring them to you.
  - Holy Thursday – There will be a Procession of the Oils; altar will already be draped; no foot washing; a chair with a bowl, towel and water vessel will be displayed on the altar
  - Good Friday Morning Prayers – New this year will be Morning Prayers at 8:30 AM lead by Deacon Phil. This will be live streamed.
  - Good Friday – For the Veneration of the Cross, the Cross may not be touched or kissed. People may venerate at their seats or venerate at the Cross at the altar by genuflecting, bowing or kneeling. No touching or kissing the Cross will be allowed.
  - Easter Vigil – Candles will be used. They will be at the seats and will be collected after they are extinguished. We are looking into having the fire from which the Easter Candle will be lit. Easter Vigil will be live streamed
  - Easter Masses will be at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. The 11AM mass will be live-streamed.
  - Rehearsals - Wednesday, March 31st, 6:30PM Holy Thursday; 7:30 PM Good Friday; Saturday, April 3rd, 10 AM, Easter Vigil.

## **On Going Business:**

- **Parish Council election**

Discussed nominees. Absent Parish Council members will be sent the information discussed

## **Pastors Remarks**

**Bishop's Visit:** The Bishop will at our parish to do confirmation on March 24 from 7-8 PM.

Wednesday March 24 the Bishop's schedule will be:

5:30 PM Meet with the Pastor and do a tour

6:30 PM Prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday March 25 the Bishop will visit via Zoom:

1:30 – 2:00 meet with Pastor and Deacon

2 – 3 Meet with Pastor and Staff

3 -4 Meet with the Parish and Finance Council. Council members are requested to fill out a survey by March 18 at 3PM and attend the meeting via Zoom if at all possible.

## **Action Items**

1. Give feedback to Rick Gausmann regarding nominees via email: [rgausmann@cox.net](mailto:rgausmann@cox.net)
2. Read Building Tools pages 255-297 (finish the book)
3. Parish Council members need to fill out a survey by March 18 (3PM) and should attend a Zoom meeting with the Bishop on Thursday, March 25 from 3-4 PM, if you can.

**Opening prayer at next meeting: Jim Hines**

**Next PPC meeting: May 12, 2021; 7PM; Zoom**

**Closing Prayer – Our Father**

**Adjourn**