

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday August 8, 2017

Present: Nancy Bielfus, Tammy Shortess, Ed Van Dehy, special guest, Shirley (Honey) Allen

1. Meeting opened with prayer lead by Honey Allen
2. Approval of minutes
  - a. Motioned by Tammy, and seconded by Nancy
3. Approval of Agenda
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4. Workshop on model for parish vision. The mandate is coming from the diocese to align parish visions to the diocesan vision. This is our initial effort to agree on a model that represents the vision of our parish in Kaukauna and the world. The model is likened to a nautical analogy presented by Steven Ray at an Esto Vir conference a few years ago. The exercise helped us identify the dynamics of who is in the boat, and who is in the water. Why they are there and how they got there. We spent time in studying how our vessel can be refitted to bring more souls on board and prevent souls from jumping or being pushed overboard. How can the vessel be more visible and how can souls be helped aboard and comforted in their times of need. We decided to pursue refining the model and promoting it as part of our parish vision.
5. Discussion on possibilities for the space known as the Father Jerry Pastors Room included a discussion on the need for a narthex at our St. Mary of the Annunciation Church. Upon discussion, we found consensus very much in favor of enhancing the Father Jerry Room into an effective welcoming space that can be open for fellowship and spiritual growth up to 12 hrs. per day. Once the narthex becomes the only way to enter the nave, we can safely have our church open for individual visitation that same 12 hours per day.
6. Those in attendance discussed the formal creation of the New Evangelization Committee and installing Honey Allen as the chair of that committee. At the same time; we asked ourselves if we should also place Honey on the Pastoral Council. All in attendance felt we should move forward on both assignments.
7. Meeting was adjourned with a passage from 365 days with St. Francis of Assisi ; addressing "Washing the feet"

Respectfully submitted, Ed Van Dehy