

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mission Statement: "To Continue the Mission of Jesus through Prayer, Service, and Sharing."

Present: Stephanie Gonzalez, Glenn Hansen, Deacon Steve Vande Hey, Ed VanDehy

Excused: Nancy Bielfuss, Tammy Shortess

Guests: Honey Allen

1. Meeting opened with prayer
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Addition to the minutes: 4a should include Round House Manner, calls and visits to new members to SKD, ALPHA, 1000 Islands, Leaven
 - b. Motioned Glenn and seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motioned by Glenn and seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried
4. Missionary Actions of parish members
 - a. Deacon Steve reported that he met with Margie Bielfuss and found that Stewardship Committee has a list started.
 - a. They are interested in:
 1. An updated format
 2. An electronic format
 3. Interactive online with a contact form (with prompt response)
 4. Break the year up to have specific focus at specific times of the year
5. Boat Model
 - a. Ed distributed first draft of the model (as created by Rachele Hanson) and briefly discussed uses.
 - b. Revision suggestions should be submitted to Ed.
 - c. When revisions are complete, Stephanie to work with Ed to take this refined diagram and use it to outline the internal "org chart" for processes, structure, approval of new ministries
6. Regional Discipleship Seminar
 - a. Ed shared about the seminar, specifically the upcoming challenge by the Bishop to align our vision statements with that of the Diocese
7. New Evangelization Committee
 - a. Deacon Steve, Ed VanDehy, Elizabeth Verges, Sue Zwiers, and Honey Allen met to discuss the logistics of ALPHA and ALPHA for adults
 - b. Structures exists with Faith Formation
 - c. High School kid students are working with ALPHA for Middle School
 - d. Discussion was had about adult programming locations, whether homes or restaurants or a combination of both
 - e. Need to establish formal prayer support for ALPHA
 - f. Pastoral Council insists that all processes for this program MUST be in writing to be able measure effectiveness of the program, maintain efficiency, have reproducibility, and to ensure ease in succession planning for team members over the long term.
8. Hospitality Committee
 - a. Can we identify the people who need more interactions than a "hi" by the way we interact?
 - b. Can we note those who are troubled and be courageous enough to reach out to them specifically?

- c. Discussion surrounding the (lack of) ADA accessibility of the facility
 - a. Automatic door openers
 - b. Parking facilities
 - c. Tight space by the elevator doors
 - d. Narrow ramp in lower level
 - e. Width of double door openings
- 9. Normal Process and Structure regarding implementation of pastoral recommendations
 - a. Stephanie led this discussion.
 - b. Reinforced that this is a high-level issue of disfunction and it is not specific to any program or staff member.
 - a. The issue was brought to light by the disconnect between decisions made by the Pastoral Council regarding ALPHA and a New Evangelization Committee.
 - b. It was further highlighted when we discuss the purpose and functionality of the Pastoral Council, and the investment of time and energy to determine a parish organization chart and goals, which are not being followed completely at this time.
 - c. Discussion was had regarding the purpose of the committee and the need to write (and follow) processes for this, including what happens when it is not followed and what checks/balances are in place to ensure that the processes are followed.
 - a. Stephanie noted that she is happy to assist with this, but does not have the time needed to be able to tackle this on her own. She requested assistance from others on the council.
 - d. Deacon Steve requested a copy of the parish organization chart and goals, which were developed in the summer/fall of 2016, to be able to review. Stephanie to forward to him.
- 10. Quarterly Pastoral Council meetings
 - a. Discussion tabled at this time. Deacon Steve would like time to consider and pray about this.
- 11. Annual Meeting – to be held after 10:30 mass on 11/26
- 12. Other Business
 - a. Discussion regarding sound system issues
 - a. Deacon Steve to look into further development and refinement
 - b. A mention was made that there may be a decision made by the Diocese regarding the placement of the choir within the church. Further discussion will happen if the Diocese makes a decision related to this.
- 13. Handouts
 - a. Draft of Boat Model
 - b. 10 Habits of Discipleship
 - c. Kerygma (from Burning Hearts Disciples, Inc.)

Next Meeting: November 14 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Stephanie Gonzalez