

Kaukauna Catholic Parishes - Joint Parish Council
Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 6:30 pm
St. Katharine Drexel – St. Mary Cafeteria

Attendees: Fr. Don Everts Jessica Poch Teri Hodapp
Peggy King Nancy Beilfuss Ed Voet
Ron Biese Fr. Kyle Sladek Jason Bennin
Tammy Eiting Cal Martin
Jane Vanden Boogart (taking minutes)

1. Opening prayer – Fr. Don
2. Approval of minutes – Ron had a few questions about some of the wording. Jane will convey the changes to Katie to update and repost the minutes. Approved with corrections.
3. Approval of agenda – added Adoration as #7 and renumbered the remaining agenda items from there. Approved with addition.
4. Articles – Overview of Parish Mission:
Fr. Don reviewed the key points in the articles – Kerygma Parts I, II, III. These articles help us see what we should be as church. If what we are doing is not preaching the four essential elements, we shouldn't be doing them. We evaluate what we're doing and the decisions we make based on these four elements:
 - Loving plan of God for human beings
 - Sin and its devastating consequences, especially separation from God
 - God's answer to our predicament in the sending of his Son for our salvation
 - Response this gift calls for from every person - to repent of our sins, believe in Jesus and be baptized, so we can be filled with his Holy Spirit and live a new life in his family, the Church.
5. Renovations update:
Volunteers are working – currently doing framing. Windows and doors have been ordered. After framing – electrical, heating, etc.
6. Annual meetings – review:
 - SKD – well over 150, HC – over 100.
 - Purpose was to share what we are trying to do as a parish and let people know the focus of our efforts. People brought their questions and had good discussion. Achieved our purpose. Financial aspect was brought up – we share costs and have reduced the amount of money we need to run the two parishes.
 - It really helped to have the various committees represented at the meetings.
 - Sacrificial giving has steadily declined over the past ten years. The campaign is showing signs of increasing giving.

7. Adoration:

A parishioner requested a day of adoration be added at SKD – St. Francis on Wednesdays. We have someone who is willing to coordinate it. It's best to have two people there at all times. Fr. Don will follow up with the person who asked and have them get started.

8. Health and well-being of parish:

A member of the council was asked – Who are the people we are trying to reach? We are pursuing everyone – those who have fallen away from faith and those who don't know Jesus/don't have faith. We want everyone to come around the table and be fed by Jesus Christ. Meet each person where they are at and walk with them. If fallen away from the Catholic Church due to being hurt in some way, help them through the healing process. Where are they in their relationship? What do they need? Ladder analogy – want them to get to the top but we have to help them there one step at a time.

9. Other:

Every other month we will meet with the individual parish councils after the joint parish council meeting. We will begin with Holy Cross this month.

HOLY CROSS:

We introduced ourselves to help us get to know each other.

Oktoberfest was a great success. People from both sides of town were there. It was a good community gathering.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR

- All meetings scheduled at 6:30 on Tuesdays unless indicated below (i.e., March 19, 2020).
- Location rotates between SKD and HC.

November 19, 2019 at Holy Cross Rectory Conference Room

January 21, 2020 at St. Mary's Parish Center Meeting Room

February 18, 2020 at Holy Cross Rectory Conference Room

March 19, 2020 at St. Mary's Parish Center Meeting Room (moved to Thursday)

April 21, 2020 at Holy Cross Rectory Conference Room

May 19, 2020 at St. Mary's Parish Center Meeting Room

June 16, 2020 at Holy Cross Rectory Conference Room