

Four Parish Council Meeting
December 3, 2019 @ 7:10pm
St. Katharine Drexel
Minutes

Attendance: Fr. Mike Erwin and Fr. Erick Cassiano

St. Katharine Drexel: Julie Ferstl, Chris Brooks, Marge Jorgensen, Vickie Kaul, Tom Kalinosky, Pat Bordak, Dan Doyle, Javier Cavazos, Greg Steil, Bob Einwalter

Tri-Parish: Jeff Gaska, Jane Powers, Connie Caine, Joe Roche, Craig Payne, Kevin Roche, Kathleen Brcraei

Guests: Coletta Cody, Ed Cody

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Prayer lead by Fr. Mike followed by the group sharing individual reflections.

Review/Approve November Minutes

St Katharine Drexel November minutes - Bob Einwalter moved; Dan Doyle seconded - added the guests' names to the minutes then approved minutes by voice vote

Tri-Parish November minutes - Craig Payne moved; Jeff Gaska seconded - approved minutes by voice vote

Three Common Goals:

1. **Adoration** – Craig Payne provided an update. A number of ministerial groups participated with a total of 218 hours prayed during the November All Souls Day event. This year they felt that improved publication and communication promoted the event. The Divine Chaplet was shared and added to the event. With the dedication of St. Katharine event – St. Columbkille parish will host in spring.
2. **Hospitality** – St KD council has been making an effort to reach out to talk to people as mass. All are looking at building different hospitality opportunities.
3. **Food for Souls** – Having difficulty finding people to distribute food but were looking to ask some of the students for help. They have a lot to distribute yet. Fr. Erick will take some and distribute.

Summary of activities at tri-parishes

Kevin Roche reported they are having a uker party at St. Columbkille December 6th. Spending more time praying. Love One Another is the name of the pilot wave of the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign – St. John's and Holy Family are considering joining to raise funds for a variety of repairs. Outreach to mission work is starting to unfold as they look for more – All are busy with a variety of events. Faith Formation group grew this year.

Summary of activities of St. Katharine Drexel

Renovation is going well but weather caused a bit of delay – acoustical tiling is almost done; narthex is being roofed. Church itself should be done by end of January but the narthex is taking longer. Costs are higher than anticipated. New principal has been adding to the energy at the school. Novena for the Lady of Guadalupe started this evening at SKD organized by the Hispanic community with the help of Fr. Erick organized.

Amazing Parish

One team for the 4 parishes has joined together. The group meets once per week for prayer, then comes together as a team to learn from each other and to clarify our "Why". Fr. Mike discussed the Amazing Parish Score Card and how they will be bringing this into the parishes. There are a lot of similarities to the Mission and Vision statements of the Tri-parishes and SKD. The goal is to have a common collection of ideas – then use the scorecard to help focus the attention of the church. Over the next couple of council meetings, the councils should review and reflect on the scorecards and then we will discuss as a whole at the June meeting. Use a 1 to 5 scale when scoring.

St. Katharine Drexel discussed the following two items:

Shelter discussion – Fr. Mike discussed that the School committee talked about this at their last meeting. Questions raised: Is New Beginnings looking at other options? Does New Beginnings have the cash to purchase? After some discussion the group would be interested in selling the property rather than renting it. Father Mike moved; Marge Jorgensen seconded to sell the property with New Beginnings being offered the building first and at a fair price. It is understood that communication to the families needs to be made.

Building project – The estimate is that we will have a short-fall of \$650K at the end. We have spent more than anticipated for a total of about \$4.4M but our giving is up but not as much as the expenses. The group discussed the options and the possibility of having to carry debt. Father passed around the worksheet with the expenses. The Church will be done by end of January – the addition has been the delay. Steve Haase is now the chairperson of the building committee. The group will tour the church between masses on December 15th.

Closing prayer

Julie Ferstl offered the closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Respectfully submitted by Patricia Bordak.