



**Present:**

**Staff**

Fr. Paul English, Fr. Morgan Rice, Carol Wilke

**Members**

Vicky Critchley, Michele Doherty, Maryfran Fettinger, Mike Messenger, Peter Nowak, Molly Ramich, Dan Schum, Rick Walther, Colleen White

**Finance Council**

John Aloisio

**Observer**

Linda Harnet

**Absent**

Janet Archibald, Louisa Baars, Brendan Cole, John Miller, Patty Sheridan

**Opening Prayer**

M. Messenger opened the meeting with prayer.

**Mission/Vision Statement**

Together, council members recited the SKT Mission and Vision Statements.

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

Consensus was reached to approve the February 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes with minor revisions.

**Open Forum**

There were no speakers for Open Forum.

**Pastor and Vicar Reports**

- Fr. Rice shared:
  - He has been busy with Basilian Order meetings in Toronto and has an upcoming trip to Edmonton.
  - This year's DOR priest's convocation begins April 11.
  - The new parishioner orientations are going well with another on April 3.
- Fr. Paul shared:
  - Planning and preparation for Holy Week went well and Father expressed his gratitude for the work of the staff and many volunteers.
  - The Day of Penance as well went smoothly because of the assistance of many volunteers.
  - Dr. Kelly's talks "Why Bad Things Happen" were well attended and on all counts, well received and provided a good adult faith formation opportunity. Dr. Kelly will be back in the future.
  - The bike pilgrimage planning is going well with 11 riders currently signed up. A parishioner has donated \$500 to sponsor one or more cyclists under the age of 30 - now we need to find the riders.
  - SKS Finances - there is a concern about attendance with the opening of full day kindergarten in West Irondequoit. The school examined various strategies and is reaching out to underserved groups in Irondequoit. A meeting with certain Hispanic families was held and went well.
  - Sr. Kay had back surgery in March and SKS has a temporary principal, Mrs. Leach, who worked at the DOR. Sr. Kay will return when she has healed completely.
  - Sacramental activity is busy with Baptisms, First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations.
  - SKT received a generous donation of \$20,000, specifically to be split between the parish and the school.
  - Building maintenance issues are being addressed including organ and sound system repairs.

- On a personal note, a trip to Florida on Aquinas Institute business went well, participation in a retreat at Holy Trinity was rejuvenating; participation on the DOR executive committee of the Priest's Council requires meetings in New York City as well as locally.

### **Finance Council Report**

February 29, 2016 Revenue & Expense Statements, Balance Sheet and related Summaries for the Parish and School were circulated to council members before the meeting. J. Aloisio and C. Wilke commented at the meeting:

- FC is monitoring and watching trends closely to insure parish expenses and revenue remain in-line.
- All are encouraged to sign up for electronic giving - this method of collecting offerings helps the parish. More people signed up after the Town Hall meeting.
- FC continues to develop guidelines for the process and procedures regarding expenditures which include the person(s) responsible, cost levels, priority ranking (at this time, safety is the #1 priority)
- The planned giving brochure is at the printers.
- Legacy Planning survey results were reviewed. The results provide data to support the next step SKT takes to help parishioners with necessary planning. Hopefully, some will choose to support the parish in their planning.
- Commitment Cards - approximately 540 cards have been returned = 36% (and 49% of those that responded last year have responded again this year - they "get it" - how important a tool this is for budgeting). So far there is commitment for approximately \$734,000. More responses would definitely help in the budgeting the process. Reminders will be in the bulletins.
- CMA - deficit is currently about \$16,000 with \$207,000 pledged.

### **Next Year**

It appears there will be about 6 openings on pastoral council beginning July 1 as several members are not exercising the automatic 3-year second term but moving on to other commitments. Members were asked to consider and approach possible candidates and encourage them to apply when the process begins.

L. Baars, R. Walther, P. Sheridan and J. Archibald volunteered to prepare orientation packets to be ready when the next new members begin their terms July 1.

### **New Evangelization - continued**

Next steps - through next month, PC members are asked to talk with people in the target group and ASK and LISTEN. Bring back what is learned to PC next month. The goal is to learn why people are not attending Mass regularly or not volunteering or participating in the many ministries and groups the parish offers and supports. We have to get the information in order to formulate proposals.

Extensive discussion among members followed. Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscover Jesus" was again mentioned as a great tool to inspire people to connect not only with Jesus, but to each other and the Church.

M. Messenger asked for volunteers to create a list of conversation starters (P. Nowak agreed to start).

Fr. Paul and C. Wilke provided some details regarding the SKT 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party planning and events and encouraged all to sign up to assist but especially to come and participate. "Everyone has a

place in our 5 year story”!!

### **Homework Reports**

- Comments and praise for the Holy Week services and music were heard from everyone.
- Volunteers were encouraged to help at the Saint Joseph’s Table event, but found they were not needed when they arrived.

### **Ministry Reports**

Evangelization Committee and Faith Formation/Youth Ministry reports were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.

PC members again asked that the school provide monthly reports or a representative to attend council meetings as the school is an integral part of the parish.

### **Closing Prayer**

M. Messenger led the Council in a closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be April 26, 2016.