



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes: May 24, 2016 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Fr. Paul English, Fr. Morgan Rice

Members

Janet Archibald, Louisa Baars, Brendan Cole, Vicky Critchley, Maryfran Fettinger, Mike Messenger, Peter Nowak, Molly Ramich, Patty Sheridan, Rick Walther,

Finance Council

Andrew Williams

Absent

Michele Doherty, John Miller, Colleen White, Dan Schum

Opening Prayer

P. Sheridan 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 April 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for Open Forum.

Chairman's Messages

- Fundraising Committee Discussion: At this time there is no parish-wide fundraising committee but lots of small off-shoots. Discussion centered around - do we need to have a parish wide committee or is it okay to have just the separate committees run their portion. Council began discussion of:

- To keep a parish wide fundraising committee that was run by parishioners
- To have the oversight of fundraising be monitored by the Parish staff and/or finance council to ensure the Parish was working towards the budgeted fundraising amount.
- To formalize the process to start new fundraising projects so that parishioners and staff knew who to go to and what to submit.

No final decision was made this time. Discuss was tabled to a later date.

- There will be a "new look" to ministry reports next year. In addition to the historical accounts of what has happened, Fr. Paul and the council would like to hear about the dreams...broken dreams theNEEDS of each ministry. This additional information in each ministry report is meant to then assist the council with identifying topics to discuss.

- Discernment Update: M. Messenger, M. Ramich and L. Baars met with all prospective candidates for PC membership (Rob Spatola, Joe Kelly, Melinda Hensler, Madeline Fasano, T.J. Verzillo, and Ray Manuszak). All have been recommended to Fr. Paul as good candidates and all are invited to the June 21 meeting.

- What to expect at the June meeting: New members' welcome packet will be discussed/finalized; elections for council executive positions (presently there is no interest in chair or vice-chair positions). M. Messenger asked for thoughtful consideration. There will be a social gathering at the CTK rectory

after the meeting.

Finance Council Report

April 30, 2016 Revenue & Expense Statements, Balance Sheet and related Summaries for the Parish and School were circulated to council members before the meeting. A. Williams commented at the meeting:

- Audit completed - results to come. Sub-committee will respond to the result and make modifications to procedures as needed.
- Stable patrimony fund is being transferred (at DOR's directive) into Communis Fund due to DOR's concern regarding internal control.
- Sub-group will study 2016-17 budget draft with C. Wilke by next PC meeting. Most likely will not be ready due to the PC meeting being moved up a week).
- Finance Council is planning on making follow-up telephone calls to those that have not responded to the Commitment to Giving request.
- The 2015/16 CMA collection was the best EVER?

Ministry Reports

Communications, Evangelization Committee, Faith formation-Youth Ministry, Liturgy Committee and Music Ministry reports were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.

New Evangelization - continued

- It was suggested that we try to get a sense of how many people are being affected by the many activities we offer in our parish.
- It was suggested that Steve Angrisano (Catholic singer/songwriter/storyteller) be brought back to SKT for a concert. He was very popular when our 19-40's were in youth group.
- P. Nowak and M. Ramich discussed the meeting they attended earlier in the month of May with the Parish teens and Parish Youth ministry. They discuss what the Youth Ministry might look like in the coming fall. There is a plan in place to have a general gathering in October with all teens/youth to discuss what they want to see from the Parish. From this information next steps for the Youth Ministry will be developed.

Pastor and Vicar Reports

- Fr. Rice shared:
 - Three events are in discussion for next year:
 - Fall - TBA
 - Lent 2017 - TBA
 - Late April 2017 - Diocesan Event with Steve Angrisano
 - Preparing for SKT pilgrimage to Fonda, NY
 - Two men, an "Associate" and a "Scholastic" from the Basilian order are with us (Sean Ajulani and Steven Huber)

➤ Fr. Paul shared:

- Thank you and congratulations to all who helped with the Pentecostal Celebration weekend
- Very busy with funerals, weddings, First communion and Confirmation (this is a good thing!)
- There will be a “post” baptismal gathering on Saturday, May 21.
- We need to keep SKT a friendly place.
- 5th grade class had lunch at the rectory this week.
- Fr. will be heading to Columbia (Latin America) at the end of June for meeting of scholastics.
- Next year: PC will be organizing assigned members to be a part of sub-committees to attend meetings and activities throughout the parish and report back to Fr. Paul what they’ve seen/heard. Goal is to see how we can make our parish better.

Eyes & Ears:

- Positive Pentecost weekend feedback - most especially the Mass.
- There will be parish wide celebrations of Fr. Joe Trovato’s 60th Anniversary on June 5th - and Fr. Walter Cushing’s 60th Anniversary on June 9th

Closing Prayer

P. Sheridan led the Council in a closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be June 21, 2016.