



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes: January 24, 2017 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Fr. Paul English, Fr. Morgan Rice, Jodi Schott, Colleen Trevisani

Members

Janet Archibald, Luisa Baars, Madeline Fasano, Maryfran Fettinger, Ray Manuszak, Peter Nowak, Patty Sheridan, Rob Spatola, TJ Verzillo, Melinda Hensler, Joe Kelly, Rick Walther

Finance Council

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Trustees

B. Stehler

Guests

Lynette Saenz (DOR)

Absent

Brendan Cole, Mike Messenger

Opening Prayer

J. Kelly opened the meeting with prayer.

Mission/Vision Statement

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

Open Forum - There were no speakers for Open Forum.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Consensus was reached to approve the December 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes after the meeting through email communications.

Diocesan V Encuentro (an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Lynette Saenz presented information about and an invitation for the parish to join V Encuentro, a national program designed originally in 1972 as a resource to involve Hispanic and Latino Catholics in the Church through a missionary process of evangelization and consultation. The program has a deadline for parish participation that is rather tight in order to meet the established regional and national conference dates. Ms. Saenz gave a detailed presentation and “pitch” stressing that what the parish utilizes comes from the strategies its group(s) develop and from, after completion of the national program in 2018, what strategies the Conference of Catholic Bishops disseminates to Catholics in North America.

Fr. Paul asked for time to consider the program before asking for council input.

Follow-up Discussion Regarding Faith Formation

Following up on the questions raised by council members at a prior meeting, our Faith Formation directors, Jodi Schott and Colleen Trevisani, provided some background description of what faith formation used to be (“CCD” style). Life has changed and now the focus is on family developing faith together. Programs like Alpha strive to make connections through the confirmed 5 ways people have been brought back to church: (1) parents and their faith life, (2) daily prayer and bible reading, (3) service opportunities, (4) other encounters with God (“religious moments”) and (5) strong faith mentors. The parish is learning how to build on this and create a culture of constant faith learning with a focus on parents (different that the earlier focus on children through religious education classes) striving toward “whole community education.”

“No matter where you are on your journey, you need to grow in faith and get engaged.”

Pastor and Vicar Reports

Fr. Paul shared:

- Advent and Christmas: Thanks to all who were involved in all ways both behind the scenes and visibly.
- Seasonal themes are helping the staff to keep focus and organizing parish activities. The plan is to keep this going with rolling seasons so there is no break in the focus so that even now, people are working on the Pentecost and summer seasons' themes.

The One Message, based on Sunday scripture is the basis for the season theme so that our parish focus is integrated.

- Planning is underway for our Lenten Service projects and we are excited about the program.
- Ministry leaders meeting went well (January 19), where staff introduced projects and plans to the group.
- When asked about calendar procedure changes, Fr. advised that J. Aloisio now has responsibility for this and anticipates that the process will be smoother than it has been.

Fr. Rice shared:

- His new appointment received a few weeks ago can now be revealed and it is to move to Toronto to be pastor of St. Basil's Parish. He is very excited about it and feels well prepared because of his time at SKT. The new priest being assigned to SKT has been decided but not yet announced. There will be a farewell celebration included in our parish Pentecost celebration.

Co-Chair Messages

- A liaison with Finance Council is needed - TJ Verzillo offered to take on this role which includes making a PC report to Finance and bringing back to PC any information deemed relevant if not reported by the Finance Chair.
- Welcome Center volunteers - it has been deemed important that the information ministers at centers include a member of PC, at least for the first few weeks. Training sessions will be held and opportunities to sign up for masses.

Finance Council Report

No report because FC did not meet prior to the PC meeting. A Finance and Administration report was circulated to members after the FC meeting and is available on the parish website.

Old and New Business; Eyes & Ears

- Audio System update - new system purchased and successfully used at CTK site and worked well. It is a mobile system to be used at other sites as well.
- Suggestion Boxes - a potential style of suggestion box was circulated but discussion tabled due to time constraints.
- Name tags - "in the works"
- A proposal for members to be asked to make an annual donation to a fund to be used as designated by PC members each year was made. Discussion was tabled due to time constraints.
- Bulletin Blurbs must be done within 2 weeks of the council meeting and sent to at least one of the executive members for review.
- Town Hall Meeting February 25, 2017 - the plan is for this presentation to be more topic centered

with more time for questions. J. Archibald and L. Baars will work on the presentation.

- C.A.S.E. Training Update: B. Stehler presented the status of gathering and distributing information to members and tracking participation. Some members will participate in parish training sessions to be held February 1 and March 16, other will complete the training online. Instructions to be circulated to members choosing this option via email.
- Strengthening PC “exposure” at New Parishioners Welcome Feb. 5, Coffee Hour participation, PC monthly “town hall” meetings after masses: tabled due to time constraints.

Ministry Reports

Reports from Communications, Faith Formation/Youth Ministry, Liturgy Committee, and Pastoral Associates were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.

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Closing Prayer

J. Kelly led the council members in a closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be February 28, 2017 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.