



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes: February 28, 2017 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

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

Members

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

Finance Council

Lori Klafehn

Trustees

M. Messenger, B. Stehler

Absent

Luisa Baars, Brendan Cole, Peter Nowak

Opening Prayer

R. Manuszak 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 January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Pastor and Vicar Reports

Fr. Paul shared:

- He has recently returned from 8 days in Ireland - rested, happy, and ready for the busy season of Lent.
- Good things are happening with the Alpha program! After the last session, three folks enrolled in the RCIA program. Alpha will continue and expand with focus or target groups in the future.
- The last month has been extra ordinarily busy with funerals and hospital visits.
- On Mondays, the staff meets to discuss weekend parish activities and liturgies. This is proving helpful in improving the following days and with staff dialogue.
- The “seasons” and our “one message” that have been implemented help keep everyone focused and encourage collaboration among the parish “lead people” and staff.
- Fr. is a member of a DOR panel focused on “creating a culture of invitation” at which members share efforts within their parishes. The group was impressed with some of the steps SKT has taken.
- Welcome Centers - Fr. has been pleased to hear they are going well and would like the information ministers to share their experiences.
- The FC/PC Town Hall meeting on February 25 went well and Fr. was pleased with the presentation and responsiveness during the Q & A portion of the meeting.
- Enquentro - Colleen Trevisani is encouraging the formation of a group to follow the program guidelines between Easter and summer 2017. Anyone interested should contact her.

Fr. Rice shared:

- There is a Toronto high school group coming to Rochester to work on a Habitat for Humanity project and they will be staying at the SMM rectory for 3 nights. A group from SKT is hosting a dinner for the guests one night.
- Fr. has been approached with inquiries regarding using the SMM rectory as a retreat center or lodging for refugees. No further discussion has taken place.

Co-Chair Messages

- Meetings - P. Nowak has suggested that the Co-Chairs identify strategies to keep the meetings within a 2 hour limit and insuring that discussion topics are allotted sufficient time. The Co-chairs welcome suggestions from the members and reiterated that if anyone feels that a particular topic needs time for discussion, it should be on the agenda.
- Liturgy Committee nametags update: per S. Mancini, the nametags are expected to be available around Easter.
- Town Hall meeting - Thank you to all who attended and for the help to create a good presentation with helpful discussion. The Q &A items will be posted to the website. Planners will pay attention to the order of presentations in the future to insure a smooth transition between topics.
- PC Orientation Packet - the Co-Chairs requested that information packets be complete and available by late March/early April to be used when recruiting new council members.

Finance Report

L. Klafehn and C. Wilke referred to the Finance and Administration report and other materials circulated to council members prior to the meeting. Questions/comments raised:

- Status of the roof at STA discussed a few months ago?
Fr. Paul reported that, with the assistance of the DOR staff, solid estimates for repair to the roof and Church windows were obtained and approved. The parish reached a compromise with DOR and LMC and split the cost of the repair with LMC (approximately \$18,000 being SKT share).
- SKS windows: replacement of the windows in the school building is under consideration. The thought is to explore options now so that if the project moves forward, work could be done over the summer.
- Education Funds are performing well. An Allesco representative reported to the FC at its February meeting.
- Fundraising - this was a concern raised at the Town Hall meeting and being reviewed by FC.
 - FC previously stressed a focus on planned giving and collection commitments
 - Some DOR rules have relaxed so a raffle will take place in 2017
 - The plan is to set a goal and seek ideas on how to achieve the goal, including tasks

New Business; Eyes & Ears

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- Welcome Centers are off to a good start with many positive comments and outcomes.
- Angrisano Weekend - a concert on September 22 in the evening; our parish theme will be tied to the events as well.

- Ministry reports - Council members noted:
 - the importance of talking up the Alpha program and that FF is in need of catechists.
 - J. Grizard seeks responses to roadblocks raised in music ministry reports. The PC liaison will contact her.
 - a need for recruiting members to the SC site music ministry was noted.
- Kudos to the Lenten Service Project posters!
- The CYO season program ran well from parents' perspective. Good ideas for the future are needed and were discussed, including options for collecting admission, as is done at all other participating sites. C. Wilke is a member of the newly formed Advisory Board and will share the PC ideas and comments.
- It was noted that our coffee hours are often opportunities for those that know each other to gather and there seems to be a need for attendees to reach out and welcome new faces and people that are not within their usual parish circle.
- A question was raised regarding a recent Irondequoit Town meeting at which something about the St. Thomas the Apostle property was discussed. Fr. Paul explained that the parish received permission years ago to sell the school property and in fact, it has been actively on the market (with a sign in front of the building) for quite a long time. The parish has become aware of some interest in the property and decided to move forward with subdividing the 4-acre parcel as it cannot be sold or leased long term unless it is a separate parcel. The town meeting related to the subdivision of the parcel and the town board members said that the request for subdivision should be coupled with a request relating to the planned use of the property. There were residents at the meeting who expressed negativity toward the proposal. At this point, it is premature to talk about any possible use because there is no firm contract with any party.

Ministry Reports

Reports from Faith Formation/Youth Ministry, Evangelization Committee, Finance/Administration, Liturgy Committee and Music Ministry were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.

Old Business:

- Encuentro - it is proposed that the parish could use the program (and expand it) on a different time line. PC supports the program if done well (rather than large) and if it includes diversity for all of Irondequoit. (see the Pastor's report for further information)
- Proposal for PC presence - will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Bulletin Blurbs - will now be discussed at the end of each PC meeting and written by the assigned member.
- Financial contributions for PC sponsored items - will be discussed at the next meeting.

Closing Prayer

R. Manuszak led the council members in a closing prayer.

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