



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes: May 23, 2017 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Carol Wilke

Members

Janet Archibald, Luisa Baars, Brendan Cole, Madeline Fasano, Maryfran Fettinger, Patty Sheridan, Rob Spatola, TJ Verzillo, Melinda Hensler, Joe Kelly,

Finance Council

Lori Klafehn

Trustees

M. Messenger, B. Stehler

Absent:

Fr. Paul English, Fr. Morgan Rice, Ray Manuszak, Peter Nowak, Rick Walther

Opening Prayer

R. Spatola led the council in opening 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 April 25, 2017 meeting minutes with minor changes.

Pastor and Vicar Reports - Fr. Paul and Fr. Morgan were unable to attend the meeting or provide written reports this month.

Co-Chair Messages

- 2017-2018 Meeting Dates are set for the 4th Tuesday of each month except December and March in Room 137 at SKS, CTK campus.
- Summer Retreat - J. Archibald introduced the plan to hold a gathering over the summer, part social, part team-building and perhaps part working for council members. Options were discussed. P. Sheridan to email all to gather consensus on date options.
- Artifacts from Saint Salome Church: some items were donated to St. John Fisher College and some moved to SMM site. It has been decided that the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, including the 3 child seers, will remain on the property, moved closer to the apartments, as requested by some of the residents living there.
- It was acknowledged that the council lost the opportunity formally express its gratitude to Fr. Morgan at the meeting and discussed other possibilities - recognizing that there is very little opportunity before Fr. leaves for his new assignment.
- Executive committee positions will be determined at the June meeting when all interested members can self-nominate or nominate another for one of the positions.

Finance Council Report

L. Klafehn referred to the Finance Administration Report circulated to members prior to the meeting and available on the parish website. She and C. Wilke commented:

- The parish met its CMA goal for the first time ever! Thanks to everyone.
- There are many items of SKT clothing (t-shirts and hoodies) available for sale at the Pentecost celebration. Other possible options were discussed.
- Preparation of the 2017-18 budget is on track. Collections this fiscal year will fall short, but not as far off as feared. The budget will be conservative in predicting bequests and gifts.
- Fundraising: Fr. Paul is meeting with some parishioners who have indicated they have ideas. The ultimate goal is for Finance Council to oversee all fundraising efforts.
- The proposed purchaser of the St. Thomas the Apostle school held an open meeting with the neighbors of the school building. The proposal for conversion of the building into middle-end apartments appeared to be well received. The Parish is monitoring the progress of the purchaser's applications with the Town of Irondequoit.
- The sale of the Saint Salome property is moving along but a closing date has not been set.

Old Business

- Suggestion Boxes - Fr. Paul is reviewing next steps for this project.
- The 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 discussed and consensus reached to create such a fund and it was decided to start the fund before the end of this fiscal year and use monies collected to purchase an ad in the Steve Angrisano program.
- New Member Interviews are being scheduled.

New Business; Eyes & Ears

- Executive Officers will be determined at the June council meeting. All returning members should be thinking about the nominations. P. Sheridan will circulate an email to all members as a reminder.
- Ministry Reports: Discussing the "roadblocks" - many ministries are asking for volunteers - council discussed ways to get the word out but agreed personal invitation works the best. Some options discussed include:
 - ministry fair (at coffee hours or at Town Hall gathering?)
 - word of mouth
 - Welcome Centers
 - Posters
 - from the pulpit
- We have 17 new families registered with the parish but only 1 showed up at the recent New Parishioner gathering. Most believe this was due to the weather that day but it was agreed that it would be helpful if those that did not attend were contacted and asked why they did not attend (so that any changes to the program that might improve it can be addressed) and, more importantly, if they are attending Mass. L. Baars will follow up with staff.
- Members were asked to provide feedback regarding the 2017 Lenten service projects - what worked and did not work as well as success stories. Provide feedback to Donna Moll and Mary Ann Noto.

Review of Action Items and Bulletin Blurb

J. Archibald reviewed the list of follow-up tasks.

M. Fettinger will write the bulletin blurbs this month and members agreed on the topics to cover.

Ministry Reports

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

Closing Prayer

R. Spatola led the council in closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be June 27, 2017 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.