



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes: June 27, 2017 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Fr. Paul English, Carol Wilke, Donna Walker

Members

Janet Archibald, Luisa Baars, Kristine Brickler, Kathy Ehrhardt, Madeline Fasano, Maryfran Fettinger, Joe Kelly, Ray Manuszak, Peter Nowak, Patty Sheridan, Rob Spatola, TJ Verzillo

Finance Council

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Trustees

M. Messenger, B. Stehler

Guests

Donna Walker, Jim Clarke

Absent:

Brendan Cole, Melinda Hensler, Rick Walther, Iuminada Vilca

Opening Prayer

TJ Verzillo 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 May 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

33 Days to Morning Glory

D. Walker addressed the council to discuss the SKT focus on evangelization. In her new role for the parish, she is researching how to encourage all to be grounded in faith, prayer and a desire to spread the faith. Although a firm plan is not yet in place, there has been much study and discussion.

The program "33 Days to Morning Glory" was developed by Fr. Michael Gaitley and is being promoted at SKT. Donna explained some specifics about the program: daily reflections, prayer and learning about a saint, then sharing (based on a provided question) in a small group gathering, meeting once a week for one hour.

Donna is visiting SKT ministries and groups to bring the program and invited the council members to consider participation as a group.

J. Archibald stated this would not be possible until after the summer months.

Pastor and Vicar Reports -

Fr. Paul shared:

- Staff changes:
 - Donna Walker to Evangelization
 - June Bounds (new hire) as head of communications
 - Fr. Mike Buentello (new Parochial Vicar)
 - Fr. Evan Simington (new part time Parochial Vicar)
 - Jessica Tette (children's ministry)
- Plans for a new evangelization focus to begin with the people in the pews. This is the Year of the

Eucharist in our Diocese and the intent is that SKT connect the two - Evangelization and the Eucharist.

- Fr. asked PC members to review the Pastoral Council Covenant, focusing on the role as counsel to the pastor.
- Suggestion Boxes are on hold while Fr. determines a way to insure and coordinate feedback.
- Encuentro - A few months ago, staff felt that summer 2017 would work. It does not and he will discuss further with staff.

Co-Chair Messages

- J. Archibald extended a welcome to new council members: Kathy Ehrhardt, Kristine Brickler & Iluminada Vilca. K. Ehrhardt and K. Brickler were present and introduced themselves to the other members.
- Father Paul is still looking for teen representative(s) to serve on the council.
- Good-bye and God Bless our outgoing members: Brendan Cole (off to college), Pete Nowak (family and other volunteer commitments), TJ Verzillo (moving to Corning for a new job as principal of All Saints Academy), Luisa Baars (termed out but may return as emeritus for one year) and Mike Messenger (termed out)
- Summer Retreat Update: Wednesday, August 30, 6-9 PM at SMM site. Sr. Karen Dietz to facilitate a team building exercise. A committee was formed to organize.
- The next Town Hall meeting is October 7, 2017 and was discussed by council members. It was decided that the council will not prepare a presentation for this meeting but will ask Finance Council to include sacramental information in its presentation.

Finance Council Report

C. Wilke referred to the written report circulated to members prior to the meeting and available on the parish website. She further highlighted:

- The parish and school May YTD Net Operating Loss of \$67,000 is due to reduced revenue.
- Parishioner response to our financial commitment campaign was 28%, much lower than previous years, making budgeting more challenging.
- In June, the parish received a \$2,500 donation and a donation of stock (which per policy, will be sold and the proceeds used for operations).
- The 2017-18 budget will be reviewed with Finance Council in July.
- It was noted that the school has a strong current enrollment of 194 students (the preliminary budget provided for 188 students). The parish subsidy to the school remains consistent.
- The parish budget of approximately \$2.2 million includes a risk with the projected collections and the parish must improve its fundraising efforts and energize the planned giving campaign.
- Good Samaritan income of \$19,000 includes the contribution from St. Ann's Community, rider donations and the parish special collection.

Old Business

- A collection was taken from council members for the new sponsorship program agreed upon last month. Consensus was reached to use the funds collected to purchase an ad in the Steve Angrisano Program and to purchase tickets to be donated to persons (the determination of who those persons will be is yet to be determined).

- Executive Committee Nominations/Selections: J. Archibald agreed to serve as Chairperson, M. Fettinger agreed to serve as Vice-Chairperson and P. Sheridan agreed to serve as Secretary for the upcoming fiscal year. R. Manuszak agreed to be the council liaison to the Finance Council.
- Photographs of council members will be taken at the retreat or in September.

New Business; Eyes & Ears

- It was noted that at the CTK site, it is impossible to hear what is said in the sanctuary from the narthex and suggested that speakers be installed in that space.
- A suggestion was made that the CTK site needs to have someone available to steer guests who arrive for a baptism while mass is still going on to the library to wait quietly.

Review of Action Items and Bulletin Blurb

- Introduce new members
- Council summer retreat
- Purchase of Steve Angrisano program ad

Ministry Reports

Reports from Evangelization Committee, Irondequoit Senior Ministries/Good Samaritan Transportation, Music Ministry, 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

TJ Verzillo led the council in closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be September 26, 2017 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.