



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes: December 19, 2017 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Fr. Paul English, Carol Wilke

Members

Kristine Brickler, Kathy Ehrhardt, Madeline Fasano, Maryfran Fettinger, Patty Sheridan, Ray Manuszak, Joe Kelly, Rob Spatola, Iluminada Vilca, Rick Walther

Finance Council

Lori Klafehn

Absent:

Janet Archibald

Opening Prayer

M. Fasano 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 November 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Pastor and Vicar Reports -

Fr. Paul reported/commented:

- Evangelization is a strong part of our parish life.
- We must evangelize internally first ... then reach outward.
- Our parish 40 Hour Devotion - amazing and wonderful!
- Planning for post-funeral ministry includes a 3 hour workshop in the near future.
- CMA as of 12/19/17 - 923 participants including 84 new participants - 73% of dollar goal
- CMA tells a great deal more than the dollar contribution. It also tells us what's happening in our brothers' and sisters' lives. There is more than the single story.
- 3-4 funerals a week.
- Half day integration meeting for staff was "great day!"
- First Penance preparations are underway.
- Marriage preparation with Anne Chodak is underway.
- This year's Giving Tree Program (with all its changes) was very successful. Our parishioners are very generous.
- Working on development of a volunteer task force.
- Honored to celebrate Mass at the U of R for Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe (a Spanish Mass)
- Advent and Christmas events are in full force.
- Lent and Easter planning has begun.

Chair Messages

- A note of Thanks was signed by all and sent to Fr. Tim Horan for his participation in our 40 Hours of Devotion.

Finance Council Report

An updated Finance Report was circulated to council members at the meeting. Highlights include:

- School-Parish combined report reflects a net operating loss of \$16,000 for the month of November and a loss of \$134,000 year to date.
- Collections are averaging \$26,000 per week, \$5,000 per week lower than budget
- Mass attendance is down 9% over the last year
- 31 new families
- Saint Kateri School enrollment rose to 200, driven by increases in PreKindergarten.
- CYO games started December 2. Knights of Columbus are handling admissions at home games, which are averaging about \$100 per game.

Old Business

Update on Puerto Rico outreach

- R. Walther spoke with Catholic Charities. They do not have a family that we can “adopt” but encouraged us to partner with IBERO.
- I. Vilca has been in touch with IBERO. They are looking for help on December 21 to sort clothing donations. This information was circulated via email to many and R. Spatola will post on the parish Facebook page.
- R. Spatola will contact Luisa Baars again to see if she has more information for the council.
- M. Fettinger raised the question: what do we recommend to Fr. Paul as a council? We have a strong desire to help.
- Fr. Paul cautions: look for others to assist and pitch it right to encourage participation. We cannot be all staff/council driven and need to bring others into the activities and research.

Discussion followed with many comments:

- whatever is done, it needs to be well documented and shared back to donors.
- as a parish we’re behind the 8-ball
- we have a sister parish in Shiprock, NM - we can’t spread ourselves too thin.
- we can look at this effort as simply helping people in crisis rather than adopting another parish
- we should focus now on local efforts to develop interest and enthusiasm, then talk it up and plan the next steps

New Business

Ministry Reports: Discussing the “roadblocks”

- R. Spatola met with June Bounds and finds her to be overworked, as noted in her report. She has multiple forward-moving ideas but the bulletin preparation has become a roadblock to other actions. Fr. Paul responded that he feels a solution has been found and stay tuned.
- All noted that the need for volunteers continues.

Review of Action Items and Bulletin Blurb

Action:

- Host a dinner to welcome people who have relocated from Puerto Rico (and their host families) as a form of outreach
- Building on the success of the 40 Hour Devotion, we will do this again for Pentecost
- There are plans for a rosary to be said at Planned Parenthood. This effort needs to be included in the bulletin and promoted.

Ministry Reports

Reports from Communications, Evangelization, Faith Formation/Youth Ministry, Irondequoit Senior

Ministries/Good Samaritan Transportation, Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, and Finance were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.

Closing Prayer

M. Fasano led the council in closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be January 23, 2018 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.