



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes: January 23, 2018 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Fr. Paul English, Fr. Evan Simington

Members

Janet Archibald, Kristine Brickler, Kathy Ehrhardt, Madeline Fasano, Maryfran Fettinger, Patty Sheridan, Ray Manuszak, Joe Kelly, Iuminada Vilca, Rick Walther

Finance Council

John Aloisio

Trustees

Betsy Stehler

Absent:

Rob Spatola

Open Forum:

Megan Spatola

Guests:

Julia Russo, Rick Campbell and Chris Ramsey

Opening Prayer

M. Fettinger led the council in opening prayer and special intentions.

Mission/Vision Statement

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

Open Forum

M. Spatola addressed the council to express her concerns with the structure of the current children's faith formation program. Discussion followed and Fr. Paul advised he will discuss these concerns with the faith formation staff.

Invited Guests

- J. Russo and R. Campbell addressed the council to introduce a new ministry at SKT, a "Welcoming Team." The team is currently about 15 members with Janet Mogab leading the effort. There is a kick-off event on January 28 called "Greet, Meet & Eat" with a social and family oriented format (replacing the former "New Parishioner Sunday" gatherings). The team plans to hold the event twice a year and welcomes everyone to attend.

- C. Ramsey explained several initiatives regarding curbing abortions he is involved with:
 - "Sidewalk Advocates for Life" gathers every Thursday morning outside of the Planned Parenthood facility (where an average of 30 procedures per week take place) to pray the rosary. The goal is to impact workers and visitors to make abortions unthinkable. The action is non-confrontational with the purpose to raise awareness.
 - "40 Days For Life" program highly recommended and begins again on Ash Wednesday.
 - Jim Havens is a radio host that focuses on abortion issues.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Consensus was reached to approve the December 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Pastor and Vicar Reports -

Fr. Paul reported/commented:

- Over Christmas break, Young Adult adoration (evening) at CTK church.
- Blood drive and CYO basketball.
- Alpha is continuing, as well as something new: Alpha II for people who have done the 11 weeks

and want to meet and pray with their groups.

- Morning Glory sessions Tuesdays and Fridays — a 33 day retreat (to Jesus through Mary)
- Living Morning Glory Groups meets Thursdays for people who have done the 33 day retreat and wish to continue to meet and pray together.
- Saint Kateri School - MLK/Peace prayer service last Friday 1:30 in CTK church
- New Bulletin assistant hired part time (Nicole) started January 16.
- Catholic Schools Mass this coming weekend. Sunday at 10:00, CTK. Catholic School Alumni (any Catholic School, anywhere) Coffee hour afterward. Kids selling candy and signing people up for Ambassador program.
- A youth list is being developed by Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in order to reach out and contact/connect with younger members.
- Trying to create a Catholic school alumni ministry. Lots of opportunities for kids as well as the people who have joined in the past year. 1) PRAY, 2) Come and bring others.
- Post-Funeral Ministry team is meeting on Friday. PRAY! Evangelizing opportunity building a relationship with Christ through the faith community. Pilot will probably begin small, with phone calls and ministry will develop organically.
- "Greet, Meet and Eat" for new parishioners over the past year (2017) - see report above. Please come.
- Music Ministry Christmas party was held on Friday at 6 pm.
- Hands of Christ Mass will be celebrated on Feb 6 at CTK church. We're looking into parking attendants. 800 people expected. Reception afterward (Anne Aloisio will host - thank you, Anne).
- Jan 30: Staff Workshop: Values and Behaviors in Christ, meeting at the Irondequoit Library.
- Eyeglass drive in all three churches, sponsored by Saint Kateri School, Feb 18-28
- "One Message" for Lent - have a "living mission." One Message card handed out each week of Lent. Email blasts will be sent out, breaking open the One Message. Saint Kateri School is on board for their morning reflection. Proofs of cards will be done next week. Cards will be available on Ash Wed for the first week. If you collect all 7 cards, you get a free donut at any coffee hour
- On a personal note: dealt with the flu over the Christmas season, enjoyed a week of vacation in Florida in January and turned 62 on January 22.

Fr. Evan reported/commented:

- He is working with a Post-Funeral Ministry - an evangelization effort that will hopefully develop over time. The parish plans to reach out and support the families after funerals to create or maintain a connection.
- He spends $\frac{1}{4}$ of his time working with the Fellowship of St. Alban. This group and its host parish are having facility issues at its current location and they are seeking a new location with assistance from the Diocese. Fr. expressed a desire and request to consider our St. Cecelia site as an alternative for the group.

Finance Council Report

J. Aloisio provided some highlights from the Finance Council meeting and report:

- Six months into our fiscal year, revenue is behind budget 11%.
- SK School has a goal to increase attendance sufficiently to have 2 kindergarten classes.
- Fundraising ideas are being discussed but decisions need to be made by a fundraising committee not yet in place.

- Flat screen monitors have been installed in several locations at all sites - the equipment was funded 100% by donation.
- The parish wish-list concept has generated new and different ways for people to give and will be continued.

Old Business

- Puerto Rico: R. Walther continues to research options seeking to learn of any persons or families resettled to our area.

New Business

- PC Membership 2018: M. Hensler has resigned from the council. Current members confirmed their willingness to continue to serve for the next fiscal year. Fr. Paul would like to add a youth member (M. Fasano heads to college next year) and a young adult member and welcomes suggestions.
- Ministry Reports: Discussing the “roadblocks”
 - the Faith Formation program was discussed extensively and a strategy to learn more developed. Fr. Paul to coordinate.
 - Good Samaritan Transportation lost several volunteers due to the Diocese requirement for increased liability insurance.

Eyes & Ears

- Fundraising: the Knights of Columbus at the Cathedral Community is hosting a food truck rodeo with “rented” spots. It was suggested that SKT consider such an event.

Ministry Reports

Reports from Communications, Evangelization, Faith Formation/Youth Ministry, Irondequoit Senior Ministries/Good Samaritan Transportation, Liturgy, Music Ministry, Pastoral Associates and Finance were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.

Closing Prayer

M. Fettingler led the council in closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be February 27, 2018 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.