



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes: March 20, 2018 - APPROVED

Present:

Staff

Fr. Paul English, Fr. Evan Simington

Members

Janet Archibald, Kristine Brickler, Kathy Ehrhardt, Madeline Fasano, Patty Sheridan, Joe Kelly, Rob Spatola, Iluminada Vilca, Rick Walther

Finance Council

Absent:

Maryfran Fettinger, Ray Manuszak

Guests:

Colleen Trevisani

Opening Prayer

J. Kelly led the council in opening prayer.

Mission/Vision Statement

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

Open Forum

C. Trevisani shared 2 hand-outs: (1) outlining spring Faith Formation opportunities for all ages and (2) highlighting upcoming plans for Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-40) and asked council members for help identifying parents of young adults to help. Fr. Paul gives this initiative his approval and asked members to study the handouts and pray for this ministry. "These efforts to retain the young adults we have and gain back the fallen away is vital."

Prior Meeting Minutes

Consensus was reached to approve the February 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes with minor revisions.

Pastor and Vicar Reports -

Fr. Paul reported/commented:

- Fr. Mike has been away several weeks, returning March 22.
- Fr. Joe has had some health concerns but is responding well to new medication.
- Looking at finances: there has been a significant donation of late. This is very helpful but the future is still a concern. However, we are still debt free!
- Lots of work to be done including developing a campaign to tackle tasks such as parking lot repairs, etc.

Fr. Evan reported/commented:

- Thanked PC for mentioning the Fellowship of St. Alban at the Town Hall meeting.
- Had a great time at the Boy Scouts fish fry dinner.
- St. Alban community joined the SKT St. Joseph's Table event - where lots of joy was present.
- Day of Penance was a good experience for a new priest
- Fr. is scheduled as presider and homilist at the Good Friday service.
- Fr. is planning the next 40 Hours Adoration which Bishop Clark will lead.

Finance Council Report

FC has not yet met this month so there is no report.

Chair Messages

- 40-45 people attended the Town Hall meeting
- A suggestion was made at the Town Hall meeting to stream future meetings live
- Case training can be done online or in person at the sessions offered by SKT
- Of note, in the recent Catholic Courier: SKT staff Jessica Tette was mentioned, Jodi Schott was quoted and SKT has the most RCIA candidates being welcomed into the faith on Holy Saturday
- The SKT School advertisement in the Democrat and Chronicle was noted
- Pastoral Council has scheduled a mass in remembrance of Frances Buentello on June 3 at the 8:00 mass at SMM. All are encouraged to attend.

Old Business

Council Membership:

- J. Archibald, M. Fettinger and R. Walther current terms end on June 30. J. Archibald has expressed interest to serve another 3-year term.
- M. Fasano has ideas for high school representatives and agreed to contact them and report their interest back to the council in April.
- Timeline for new membership:
 - April: interested persons are invited to attend the April council meeting
 - May: interviews (interview committee to be determined)
 - June: new members attend the June pastoral council meeting

New Business

- The video “Intentional Discipleship” was discussed by all for approximately 45 minutes, led by Fr. Paul and based on a summary of discussion items (see attached).
- Ministry Reports: Discussing the “roadblocks”
 - Music - SC is in need of a new organ. J. Grizard is looking into this and the need will be included on the parish “wish-list”.
 - Faith Formation has 55 different groups. A question was raised whether there should be fewer groups so all would be more active.
 - Pastoral Associates: our parish is facing numerous outside requests for financial help, more frequently at the end of each month. This is becoming a tough situation for staff. Catholic Charities has been sending people to SKT. Fr. Paul will speak to the deanery (our quadrant) about organizing an efficient way to distribute assistance.
 - Where does the volunteer task force stand at the moment: Fr. Paul wants the leadership of this effort to be in the hands of volunteers, supported by staff.
- Eyes & Ears
 - Where does leftover St. Joseph’s Table food go? - to St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality (a Catholic Worker house on South Avenue).
 - Great reaction to Dr. Joseph Kelly’s talks!
 - Laura Seegar’s eyeglass campaign was a HUGE success. 1500 collected, plus monetary donations.
 - What is the status of an outreach for Puerto Rico?

Review of Action Items and Bulletin Blurb

- M. Fasano will request a short write up from Laura Seegar about the eyeglass campaign.
- R. Spatola has agreed to do more research on real needs through a contact he has on the island.
- K. Ehrhardt will speak to J. Bounds about the volunteer task force.

- P. Sheridan will submit a bulletin blurb by March 22.

Ministry Reports

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

Closing Prayer

J. Kelly led the council in closing prayer.

The next council meeting will be April 24, 2018 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.