



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes: April 24, 2018 - APPROVED

<u>Present:</u>	
<u>Staff</u>	Fr. Paul English, Fr. Evan Simington, Carol Wilke
<u>Members</u>	Janet Archibald, Kristine Brickler, Kathy Ehrhardt, Madeline Fasano, Maryfran Fettinger, Patty Sheridan, Ray Manuszak, Joe Kelly, Rob Spatola, Iluminada Vilca, Rick Walther
<u>Finance Council</u>	Lori Klafehn
<u>Guests:</u>	Donna Walker, Donna Moll and Mary Ann Noto.
Opening Prayer P. Sheridan 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 March 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes.	
Compassionate Connection D. Walker, D. Moll and MA Noto presented to the council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SKT averages 200 funerals a year. There are many people involved in the process including music, reception, servers, etc. Until now, once the funeral is over, our involvement concluded. NOT ANY MORE! • Post funeral outreach now takes place. • D. Walker attended a seminar by Theo Munson from Lifetime Care. • It is important that we keep in touch after the funeral. • People grieve differently and at different times • Phone calls are being made to families - this is highly sensitive communication and we must note that this might not be the right time to talk but people are assured of prayers and that we will check in on them again in the future. • The main focus of this ministry is evangelization - being Christ to each other. • The process of Compassionate Connection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a card is given to the family at initial contact (sample is attached to these notes) * calls will now be made to people that had funerals in November. Questions asked such as: where is your faith at this point? Are you able to pray? What happens for you now? * there will be an attempt to make connections for the family back to the parish (i.e. connecting them with people/committees that the deceased was involved with). * if any council members wish to join the effort, call D. Walker but be aware this ministry must be done slowly and sensitively. 	

Pastor and Vicar Reports -

Fr. Paul reported/commented:

- Wonderful triduum celebrations! All well attended. “We do well here! I am so proud!”
- Fr. participated in an all staff retreat at St. Bernards. The theme was “Being Disciples.”
- There were 41 parishioners confirmed on April 12.
- Not as many funerals this month - usually 4-5 per week.
- Wedding and baptism season is upon us.
- Gifts and funds have been recently received - “people are tremendously generous!”
- CMA update: 1500 family as a “stretch” - we did not reach our goal, but we were successful none the less and there is great hope that we will reach our goal or get very close. Thanks to all helpers.

Fr. Evan reported/commented:

- It was a treat to be presider at Good Friday services - “my largest congregation!”
- Fr. has been helping with Legion of Mary and reports the ministry is doing great things!
- Fr. is looking forward to the upcoming 40 Hours Devotion at Pentecost time.

Chair Messages

- New PC Membership and interview committee volunteers:
 - * Madeline had no luck recruiting youth. Fr. Paul will look at altar server lists for ideas.
 - * R. Manuszak and K. Ehrhardt volunteered to interview candidates. Madeline will join if/when youth or young adult candidates are interviewed.
- Meeting Dates:
 - * Date and time changes have been agreed to so that Fr. Paul can complete and enjoy his participation in the Knights of Columbus Tuesday golf league without having to leave early and rush to PC meetings and to accommodate other obligations:
 - the May 2018 meeting is moved to Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 PM
 - the June 2018 meeting is moved to Saturday, June 16 at 9:00 AM
 - the September 2018 meeting is moved to Saturday, September 22 at 9:00 AM
- Case Training:

There will be an in-person training session at Newcomb Friendship Center on Mary 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for all those that need the training.
- Town Hall Q&A:
 - * Questions were recorded by P. Burns at the meeting and sent to Fr. Paul to review, comment, expand as needed. Thereafter, sent to J. Aloisio for finalizing and posting. This should be complete shortly.
- Team Building/Summer Retreat
 - * The session is scheduled for Thursday, August 23 @ 5:30.
 - * Location suggestions are picnic dinner at SMM, as done in 2017 or possibly off-site at St. John Fisher
 - * Ideas for the session were discussed including continuation of the group’s discussion on intentional discipleship. Fr. Paul has another video to consider as well.

Finance Council Report

L. Klafehn briefly highlighted items from the report previously circulated to members and available on the parish website. She noted particularly that a \$200,000 donation made all the difference in the parish meeting its budget goals!

Old Business

- Puerto Rico Update:
R. Spatola has been researching identifying a community similar in population to Irondequoit that we could assist, noting that:
 - * Puerto Rico is 75-85% Catholic
 - * Everyone is migrating
 - * in the Diocese of Mayaguez, 2 parishes were noted as possible “targets:
 - San Sebastian: pre-K through 6 (population 42,000)
 - Cabol Rojo: pre-K through 7 (population 51,000)
 - both have websites (M. Fasano suggested a pen-pal relationship with SKS be created)

- Volunteer Task Force Update:
K. Ehrhardt reported that 2 meetings have been held so far with a poor turn-out (just 4 people). The next meeting is June 12.

- Eyeglass Campaign Update:
 - * Mercy High School requires every senior to complete a volunteer project, called a “Capstone Project.” The eyeglass campaign was Laura Seegar’s Capstone Project.
 - * She reached out to SKT, her friends and co-workers, collecting 1860 glasses (500 from SKT/SKS)
 - * Laura is very thankful to all.
[Madeline’s work as chairperson of SKT’s 2017/18 CMA campaign, together with her family, was her Capstone Project]

New Business

- Ministry Reports: Discussing the “roadblocks”
 - * Fr. Paul was asked for an update on the case of overwhelming financial requests of the parish. Fr. responded that he has not had the opportunity to connect with the Deanery yet but will do so soon.

- Eyes & Ears:
 - * Comment made that the Confirmation experience was not great for the older kids and they did not like being combined with the younger kids.
 - * I. Vilca commented that the Alpha sessions do not seem as focused on Catholics as much for those searching for God. The program did not enrich her but she encouraged all to experience Alpha to from their own opinion.

Review of Action Items and Bulletin Blurb

Three matters were identified to highlight in the bulletin.
No action items were noted.

Ministry Reports
Reports from Communications, Evangelization, Faith Formation/Youth Ministry, Finance/Administration, Irondequoit Senior Ministries/Good Samaritan Transportation, Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry and Pastoral Associates were circulated to members prior to the meeting and are available on the parish website.
Closing Prayer
P. Sheridan led the council in closing prayer.
The next council meeting will be Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Room 137, Saint Kateri School.