**St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council**

**Nov.10, 2020**

**ZOOM Meeting**

**Present:** Father Joseph Tito**,** Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Traci Laffey, Suzanne Lefevre, Michael O’Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Yvonne Smith, Juan Jose Velasco

**Absent:** Nora Bondi, Jose Juan Moreno

Meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

**Opening Prayer** – Renew My Church prayer led by Fr. Tito

Betsy asked for prayers for Ryan Bost, who was killed last night. She asked that we please hold this well-known Evanston family in our prayers.

**Approval of September 22, 2020 Minutes**

* Yvonne made a motion to accept the minutes, Suzanne seconded and they were accepted unanimously.

**Father Tito**

* Renew My Church: The dates are set, the process will begin in 2021. A decision will be made by late 2021, or early 2022. Implementation will begin in July, 2022
* Tomorrow night, there will be a meeting with leaders of the Spanish-speaking community to discuss the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Posadas, and how they will be celebrated this year.
* Ace needs volunteers to help with the Livestreaming of Masses.
* There were no decorations this year for Novembering. We can decorate the Church with guidelines set by the Archdiocese. There will be an Advent wreath in Church, and other decorations. We need to investigate who can help from the Art and Environment Committee.
* At the Staff meeting tomorrow, a decision will be made about the Christmas Masses. We need an early commitment from volunteers so that we can safely have those Masses.
* There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.. There will also be a Simbang Gabi Mass and a Kwanzaa Mass. Unfortunately, the food celebrations that we normally have with the special Masses will not happen.
* Religious Education continues in-person for the Spanish-speaking classes, held in conjunction with the new 4:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays.
* Fr. Tito will be on retreat, beginning on Sunday evening, November 15th. He will then be away for two weeks and return on December 5th aor 6th.
* The St. Nicholas Festival committee is planning all possible safe options for this year. Trees will be sold. No craft fair, photos with Santa or bakery sale. There will be an online raffle.
* The Winter Parish Party committee is meeting regularly.
* It is important for parishioners to know that when RMC happens, the money follows the people. Our assets will follow us, so that funds we raise now will become part of the new parish.
* The St. Nicholas Newsletter is a welcome new addition to communicating about the Parish. Special thanks to Alex.
* PPC members should let Father Tito know if they’d like to continue through the RMC process, another year and a half. He will be adding some new members from the Spanish-speaking community.

**PPC Reports**

* Reopening Leadership Team – Volunteers are needed as we are now holding Masses in Church. We need a large number of volunteers to keep people safe.
* All who attended the Joint PPC Zoom Meeting on October 21st felt like it was very worthwhile. Traci drafted a letter which was sent to Cardinal Cupich, Bishop Bartosic and others on the RMC team of the Archdiocese, requesting a one-year postponement of the RMC process, due to the burden of the pandemic. The letter was signed by 6 PPC members of St. Athanasius, 2 PPC members of St. Mary’s and 6 PPC members from St. Nicholas.
* Cynthia attended the Archdiocesan Parish Council Zoom Meeting on November 7th. Cliff Barber spoke about RMC. He is a St. Mary’s parishioner.
* Sheila attended the Archdiocesan Women’s Group Zoom Meeting on November 7th.
* Yvonne reported that our Peace and Justice Committee would be donating to the Evanston Reparations Fund and suggested that this may be an opportunity for other parishioners to donate. She will follow up with Maureen and the Finance Committee about how best to implement this idea.

**New Business**

There will be a meting of the PPC in December – on Tuesday, December 15th, 2020. Please add this date to your calendar as it was not on our original calendar.

**Closing Prayer** led by Father Tito and included special prayers for a parishioner who is very ill and the sister of another parishioner who is also very ill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m..