

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

April 28, 2015

Minutes

Present: Kevin Axe, Damian Barta, Cynthia Judge, Jose Juan Moreno, Theresa Buckman-Gilbert, Derrick Blakley, Sheila Hebein, Betsy Quinn, Dan Vicencio and Friar Bob Cook

Absent: Deb Evans, Blanca Lule and Torrick Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Opening Prayer – Cynthia gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Kevin A made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Theresa B-G.

Parish Update - Friar Bob noted that James Holzhauer-Chuckas has stepped down from the PPC and will be focusing on youth ministries. Deb Winarski has resigned from the Parish staff.

The Pastor Transition Information meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015. The process described by Bishop Kane will be shared with people who attend the meeting.

Mass Survey - Sheila H. reported that the Mass Survey was conducted at all Masses the weekend of April 18th and 19th and it went very well. Friar Bob handled all the English Masses and Fr. Hugo walked people through it at the 1 o'clock Mass. It seemed to go well at all the Masses. The surveys are still being collected. The questionnaires were designed to get more information on the desires of the parish as a whole. It's possible that we may need more information to make rational decisions about the Mass schedule. May 3, 2015 is the deadline for surveys to be turned in and review will be done sometime after that.

Pope John XXIII – Cynthia J reported that a new principal has been hired for the school. Current principal, Roy Hecker, has accepted a position in the private sector. The school community knows the new principal and all feel that this is good news for the school.

The Pope John XXIII Day of Service was held on April 27, 2015 with interaction by Pope John's 8th graders with residents of the Rice Childrens Center. A number of different service projects were also performed by many of the different grade groups. Theresa B-G also noted that some students were writing Thank You letters to parishioners at St. Nicholas and the logistics of giving these letters will be determined over time.

Mission Trip – Nine people have signed up so far for the trip to West Virginia and there are still a number of openings available. Outreach to St. Mary's has begun, but there has been no response so far.

Diversity Statement – The statement is in the final stage of development. All further comments

will be due by next Friday. Dan V. will send out a copy of the diversity statement with the PPC Minutes and he welcomes any last comments.

Holy Year of Mercy - Damian B. presented information about the Holy Year of Mercy. The beginning of the Holy Year on December 8, 2015 presents the Church and St. Nicholas with a number of opportunities for the upcoming year. This would be a good time for the St. Nicholas community to think about the Year of Mercy.

Fr. Bill - will attend the May 26, 2015 PPC meeting. It was decided that we would host a simple dinner – starting at 6:30 pm. Theresa B-G will be in charge of arrangements. The regular PPC meeting will follow the dinner.

May 30, 2015 will be a parish farewell celebration for Fr. Bill after the 4:30 Mass. Sheila asked for volunteers for help with the celebration.

Kevin raised the issue of the need for continuity on the PPC during the pastor transition. There was also a discussion that the membership should be discussed with the new Parish Administrator who should be in place by July 2015.

Jose asked for input from the PPC regarding meeting with members of the Hispanic community regarding various concerns. Many members assured Jose of their support and encouragement in obtaining more input from the Hispanic community.

Closing Prayer - was offered by Kevin A.