

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

June 23, 2015

Minutes

Present: Kevin Axe, Damian Barta, Theresa Buckman-Gilbert, Cynthia Judge, Jose Juan Moreno, Sheila Hebein, Betsy Quinn, Dan Vicencio, Fr. Mike Ahlstrom

Absent: Derrick Blakley, Deb Evans, Blanca Lule, and Torrick Ward

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Opening Prayer – Damian offered the opening prayer.

Minutes of the May 26th, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Damian and seconded by Kevin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Introductions – To provide Fr. Mike with a brief overview of the PPC, members introduced themselves and discussed the length of time they have served on the PPC and a little about their time and roles at St. Nicholas.

Fr. Mike asked that each person discuss what they liked most about St. Nicholas and also what they viewed as the needs of the Parish community at this time. It was a very open, honest conversation.

Parish Transformation Update:

Mass Survey –Sheila gave a verbal report about the progress that has been made to date in tabulating and organizing the data collected in the Mass survey. Some key members of the Liturgy and Prayer Committee have been out of town and have now returned, so a meeting will be held in the near future and a more comprehensive report will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Mission Trip – No new information was presented.

Diversity Statement: Dan provided copies of the St. Nicholas Diversity Statement that he and a committee from Transformation had worked on. Receiving no edits or changes; the PPC moved this process forward. Kevin made a motion to accept the Diversity Statement as presented and Damian seconded the Motion. The statement was approved unanimously.

Pope John XXIII – Cynthia reported that the school year ended and a 9-week summer session has started.

Year of Mercy – Damian reported that Sue Garthwaite and Lois Shuford are preparing a series

of bulletin articles on mercy and the English Adult Faith Group will be using mercy as the topic of this year's sessions.

Adult Faith Formation – Spanish -Recently Deacon Ivan Lazcano told Fr. Mike that he would be starting programs of Adult Faith Formation in Spanish. This was one of the goals that were developed in our 2013 Parish Transformation process. Jose Juan is very interested in this and would like to be involved. Fr. Mike will pursue this with Ivan.

PPC Retreat – a retreat will be scheduled in the late summer/early fall. Sheila will send out a Doodle Poll to determine the date when most people can attend.

Next PPC Meeting – The next meeting of the PPC will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Closing Prayer: Jose Juan offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.