

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

February 23, 2016

### Minutes

**Present:** Fr. Mike Ahlstrom, Sheila Hebein, Kevin Axe, Damian Barta, Theresa Buckman, Jose Moreno and Betsy Quinn

**Absent:** Debra Evans, Derrick Blakely, Cynthia Judge and Dan Vicencio

**Guest:** Dan Mapes Riordan

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:** Dan gave a report from the Welcoming Committee – this committee was renewed in the Parish Transformation Process of 2013 and the committee has been working hard to find creative ways to reach new parishioners and they have also updated the material in the Welcome Folder given to new parishioners.

**KEVIN** opened the meeting with a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion: Damian – Motion to approve January 26, 2016 minutes, Seconded by Jose. Motion carried.

**PARISH UPDATES** – Fr. Mike reported on:

- **New Pastor:** The new pastor placement process convenes to make recommendations in March. The official announcement of our new pastor will be made in June.
- **Renew My Church: “Dreaming Big About the Archdiocese of Chicago.”** There will be a lengthy article about this in Sunday’s bulletin.
- **Small renovations to rectory basement and upstairs living space.**

**YOUTH GROUP PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** March 13, 2016

**VISION KEEPERS AWARD:** Gina Ramirez was the nominee from St. Nicholas Church. Jose, Sheila and Fr. Mike attended the ceremony along with several other parishioners and members of Gina’s family.

**PARISH TRANSFORMATION UPDATE:** 9:00 Mass in Spanish is going really well. There was strong attendance with 145 the first week and 155 the second week.

**STAFF AND PPC GATHERING:** We tabled this discussion until our next meeting.

**PPC RETREAT:** We tabled this discussion until our next meeting.

**MARCH PPC MEETING:** Because our regular meeting date in March falls during Holy Week, we agreed to bring the date forward to Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ***TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS – Archdiocese Capital Campaign*** - We are required to do this. Fr. Mike, PPC and Finance Council and eventually the new pastor are considering the timing and strategic options as well as the impact on the new pastor and the transition.

**PPC RESIGNATION: Torrnick Ward** resigned from the PPC today. Everyone agreed that he would be missed.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Mike offered the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Quinn