

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

June 21, 2016

Minutes

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

Absent: Derrick Blakely and Deb Evans

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm

Minutes – The minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. The motion to accept was made by Kevin A and seconded by Betsy Q.

PARISH UPDATES – Fr Mike gave a report on the progress of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* Capital Campaign. He made the announcement that we will participate in this campaign at all the weekend Masses on June 18/19. Fr Mike and Fr Tito attended a meeting with the Diocesan Campaign Manager to review progress and plans for the campaign.

Fr Mike reported that the first "regular" Sunday Spanish Mass at 9AM in the chapel went well with over 100 persons in attendance. Music and ministry assignments were in the process of being completed. The PPC members discussed the need for signage at all four doors with access to the chapel, including the elevator door to help people find the chapel. The PPC also discussed the need for signage with information about our weekly Mass times, languages, and locations.

Youth Ministry – Betsy Q. announced that the Youth Ministry was looking for help with breakfast for the Evanston-wide Youth Ministry Lock-in scheduled at St. Nick's this upcoming weekend. Anyone who can help with this is encouraged to contact James directly.

Damian B. raised the need for more parish families with teenagers to weigh in on the future direction of Youth Ministry at St. Nicholas and the wider Evanston community. Betsy Q suggested getting the input of Fr. Tito with the direction and vision for the Youth Ministry starting perhaps from Pre-K through High School. We should also discuss the inclusion of and honoring of the role of family and non-Church events in Youth Ministry.

Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation – Sheila attended a meeting of this group and the following St. Nicholas people also attended: Michael Terrien, Nilce Landau, Laura Nutini, and Colleen Powell. In addition, Cristie Traina

and Chris Murphy are on this committee, but were out of town at the time of the meeting. The group is planning a program with Martin Marty as the speaker sometime this fall.

Fr Mike also discussed the need to acknowledge the advancement of theology and thought between Lutheranism and Catholicism.

PPC Business – Theresa Buckman-Gilbert discussed her need to step down from the PPC at the end of this school year because of other responsibilities. Sheila will discuss the makeup of the PPC with Fr. Tito and she will also ask if he would like the PPC to meet in July.

New Business – Sheila H presented Fr. Mike with a collage of photos of events while he was at St. Nicholas as a token of the PPC's appreciation and a remembrance of his time with us at St. Nicholas.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Mike offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.