

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

July 26, 2016

Minutes

Present: Kevin Axe, Damian Barta, Derrick Blakley, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Jose Moreno, Betsy Quinn, Fr. Joe Tito and Dan Vicencio

Absent: Deb Evans

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Minutes – The minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved. There was one correction by Betsy Quinn in the section on “Youth”, which was to insert the word “perhaps” in paragraph 2, line 4. Sheila will make the correction in the June minutes. The motion to accept the minutes including the correction was made by Cynthia J and seconded by Damian B.

PARISH UPDATES – Fr. Joe said that it was good to have the Pastor Transition Team’s help during his transition here. He has found St. Nick’s to be a joyful place and each Mass has it’s own personality.

9 am Spanish Mass - Discussion of the Mass Schedule and the process for the development of the plan. Joe asked questions about the development of the program. The history behind the various issues that were raised during the process was discussed. It was pointed out that attendance at all the Masses is down in the summer because of vacations.

To Teach Who Christ Is Fr Joe gave a report on the progress of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* Capital Campaign. He and Maureen have met several times with the Diocesan consultant, Derek Lyssy and things are moving along. Some calls have been made inviting people to serve on the committee and help with the campaign. The kickoff by the Archbishop will be held on August 1st at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview. Starting on August 10th the St. Nick’s committee will meet every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. The meetings will be short – perhaps 30 minutes. Most of the work will be done by Thanksgiving.

Youth Ministry – The Archdiocese has provided funds for training new youth ministers. A meeting of the Pastors and youth ministry staff in Evanston was held last week. Event schedules were reviewed to avoid conflict with major parish events. A large Archdiocese middle school event at UIC Pavilion is being planned. . Various engagement strategies were discussed.

Lutheran-Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation – Sheila H. noted that Martin Marty will be coming to speak in Evanston on October 30 to St Paul’s Lutheran Church. The St Nicholas Adult Education Committee will be working on other programs to commemorate this event as well. More information will be

forthcoming in the coming weeks.

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. Joe offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.