

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 29, 2016

### Minutes

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

**Absent:** Deb Evans and Derrick Blakley

**Guests:** Marion Flynn and Chris Murphy

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Joe offered the opening prayer.

**St. Nicholas Raffle:** Marion gave a short presentation about the Raffle for the Holiday Festival and the Winter Party, which will be held in February. Members of the PPC asked questions about the raffle this year and Marion distributed tickets to those who could sell them.

**Winter Parish Party:** Chris represented the Winter Party Committee. The gala this year will be transformed from Carnevale to the Winter Party. This is one of the few internal fundraising events. It will still be held at Misericordia on Saturday, **February 18, 2017** with food stations – more casual than we have had in the past. The cost will be \$50 rather than the \$100 from last year in the hope that more people will be able to participate. The goal is to get an attendance of 250. In addition to signing up at the event for the parties, there will be more opportunities to sign up online and at Coffee Cake Sundays prior to the party. This event is for over 21 year-olds. A “Catalogue of Experiences” will be created along with “Steal the Deal” plus silent and live auctions. PPC members were asked to come up with some creative ways for “Raise the Paddle” and we agreed to get back to Chris with our suggestions.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the October 25th meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kevin A and seconded by Cynthia J. They were unanimously approved.

**Parish Updates – To Teach Who Christ Is** - Fr. Joe gave an update on the pledges received for the campaign so far. We are now at about 90% of attaining the campaign goal. Approximately 300 people have pledged to date. A follow-up appeal may be made during a weekend after the holidays. It was pointed out that it might be good to do this in the spring when people are completing their pledges for our current campaign. It was also pointed out that this might not be the best time to ask members of the Spanish-speaking community – perhaps sometime in late January might be better.

**Music Director Position Update** – Fr. Joe noted that 4 applicants will be interviewed by phone for the position. Some may come in for interviews and will meet with members of the committee and perhaps some members of the choir. The search committee will make the selection of the Music director. It is hoped this will happen soon after the holidays.

**Update on PPC Membership:** Fr Joe indicated that he had discussed this with parish staff and they agree that we open up nominations for PPC membership by next spring. A discussion of receiving input from members of the Hispanic community was discussed and Fr. Joe and Jose agreed that it might be helpful to have a PPC sub-committee of perhaps 6 Spanish-speakers to obtain input from the community. At the same time, we will try to locate another Hispanic member to serve on the PPC.

There was some discussion of unsigned flyers that were found on cars in the parking lot over a few weekends prior to the November election. Staff members and other parishioners took the flyers off car windows whenever they saw them.

Damian B. brought up the need for the parish to be supportive of the various communities that may be affected by the political situation.

**Holiday Festival** – The Annual Holiday Festival will be held the weekend of December 3-4, 2016. Please sign up to help – sign-up sheets are online.

**Youth Ministry-** Damian B gave the Pumpkin Patch report. The total sales were \$6,000 and the parish netted approximately \$1,500 for the youth ministry. There was a discussion of the time commitment necessary for this event – 10 hours per day for 2 weeks.

Oliver Pacheco was nominated to represent St. Nicholas and Vicariate II on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Youth Council. Oliver has been an active member of the St. Nick's Youth Group.

**Parish Announcement Policies** - The PPC discussed the first draft of the policy pertaining to parish announcements that was prepared by Dan Vicencio. Dan will incorporate some of the suggestions made at the meeting and he will provide an updated draft at the January PPC meeting on January 24, 2017. If you have more comments please get them to Dan by January 14. (See attached first draft.)

**Interfaith Service** – The Thanksgiving Interfaith Service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Nick's was well represented at this annual event.

**Next PPC Meeting** – we don't meet in December, so the next meeting will be on January 24, 2017. Fr. Joe will ask Parish Staff for dates for the PPC/Staff Pot Luck dinner.

**New Business** – There was no new business.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.