

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

January 24, 2017

Minutes

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

Absent: Deb Evans and Betsy Quinn

Guest: Chris Murphy

Prior to the PPC meeting, a joint potluck dinner with PPC members and parish staff was held in the rectory dining room. It was a wonderful evening of sharing conversation, delicious food and a commitment to St. Nicholas parish.

Winter Parish Party: Chris Murphy came to continue the conversation from the November PPC meeting about "Raise the Paddle" at the Winter Parish fundraiser. Possible issues for this aspect of the event include fostering better Hispanic leadership, adult religious education in Spanish, training catechists, Peace and Justice Social Justice issues and other future leaders. Chris also encouraged people to try to sell more raffle tickets.

Minutes – The minutes of the November 29, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cynthia J, and seconded by Jose M. They were unanimously approved.

Parish Updates – To Teach Who Christ Is – Fr. Joe noted that reconciliation with the Archdiocesan financial records still needs to be finalized. At present, the total amount of pledges is around \$1,000,000. Thanks to all who made personal appeals to parishioners, which resulted in this outstanding result.

Music Director Position Update – Fr. Joe noted that there were 2 finalists who have been interviewed by the search committee. Many members of the choir were able to meet with these finalists. The final decision should be made very soon.

Update on PPC Membership: An announcement about vacancies on the PPC will be made by late February. Those that would be initially replaced and have served longest are: Kevin Axe, Betsy Quinn, Dan Vicencio and Deb Evans. The initial change will take place by early summer. The next group that will step down are: Derrick Blakley, Damian Barta and Sheila Hebein. These changes will occur by the end of the year. The pastor, members of the PPC and parish staff will discern the best fit among the potential candidates.

A group of approximately 6 people from the Hispanic community will meet regularly to be sure their input is heard. We will also recruit at least one more Spanish-speaker to serve on the PPC.

Youth Ministry- Fr Joe and Damian B. discussed the development of the job description for the local position of part time youth minister. With a part time youth minister, there is concern that the local minister could be saddled with too many administrative responsibilities. Strong pastoral leadership and educational leadership development was

very important to the success of the activities.

Sound System – the sound system continues to be challenging and this issue is being discussed.

Parish Announcement Policies – Dan V. noted that the policy would be amended to name a staff member point person. Any further additions to the announcement policy from the PPC and Parish Staff would be addressed by the next meeting.

Meeting for Jaime Rojas – Jaime will be ordained as a deacon this summer and there will be a parish meeting to introduce Jaime to the community on Monday, February 13 at 7 pm in Oldershaw Hall. We hope to have a good turnout.

Christmas Mass Review – It was recommended that the last Mass on Christmas Eve start on time – the Mass, which was scheduled to start at 10:30 didn't actually start till 10:50 and some people asked that it start on time next year. The Mass with the greatest attendance was the 3 pm Family Mass, which included a children's pageant. The 5 pm Mass was also well attended, but it is hoped that next year there will be a children's pageant at this Mass as well.

Vision Keepers – Sheila H discussed the upcoming Vision Keepers nomination from St. Nicholas and the PPC recommended a nominee for this award.

Name Tags – Cynthia J had been to a parish recently where nametags were worn by all attending Mass and the idea of trying this at St. Nick's – perhaps one weekend per month was discussed.

Signs at St. Nicholas – Sheila had been contacted by members of the Peace and Justice Committee with the suggestion that a sign saying - "All Are Welcome" be displayed on Ridge Avenue. However, because signage is currently being discussed in a broader sense, it was agreed that we would keep this in mind if our sign is changed. Pope John XXIII School is currently discussing new signs for the school and also for parking. Our current sign says, "Welcome" in English and Spanish. If this sign is redone, the suggestion to add "All Are" in front of the welcome will be made. In the meantime, Peace and Justice asked that we include "All Are Welcome" in our weekly bulletin. PPC thought this was a good suggestion and Sheila will forward this suggestion to staff.

Pope John XXIII School – Enrollment was up since January 1, 2017. Summer enrichment program will be in need of a director. The Pope John 30th Anniversary party is planned for April 29, 2017. A listing of activities to commemorate this milestone will be published soon.

New Business – United Power will hold a meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2017 in response to the election results utilizing a community-organizing model,

CLOSING PRAYER - The closing prayer was recited by the PPC for Christian Unity.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.