

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

April 25, 2017

Minutes

Present: Kevin Axe, Damian Barta, Sheila Hebein, Deb Evans, Betsy Quinn, Dan Vicencio and Fr. Joe Tito

Absent: Derrick Blakley and Cynthia Judge

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tito led the opening prayer.

Minutes – The minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Damian B and seconded by Deb Evans. They were unanimously approved.

Parish Updates – Fr. Tito gave the Parish Updates:

Music Director Position – The search committee has begun contacting new applicants and some phone interviews have been conducted plus some in-person interviews. There are some financial considerations that are being looked into for one candidate and another applicant will be coming in soon for an interview.

PPC Membership: The PPC received profiles of potential PPC members for review. The PPC members were asked to review the candidate profiles and send in written comments by mid-May. Comments would be compiled for the next PPC meeting. Additional candidates will be included as suggested by PPC members. The close of the nomination period should be announced in the next week.

Finance Council: Fr. Joe reported that the Finance Council discussed revamping the Stewardship aspect of the council.

Triduum and Easter: This was Fr. Joe's first Easter at St. Nick's and he was appreciative of all the hard work that goes into the preparation and the actual services. It was suggested that we might want to be aware of how seats for the vigil are reserved.

Youth Ministry: James H-C ran some listening sessions but they were not well attended and perhaps the timing of the sessions weren't good for some parents. The next session will be held during the SCORE classes, so there may be a better turnout. There was discussion about acknowledging and encouraging participation of families in the liturgy and in the life of the parish. The PPC discussed possible different philosophies and approaches to Youth Ministry. Is the ministry in the right place at the right time? Are the gifts of youth shared at the right time?

Children's Liturgy of the Word: This has begun at the 9 am Spanish Mass and in the near future it will also be offered at the 1 pm Mass.

Ordination of Jaime Rojas: Jaime will be ordained Deacon on Saturday, May 13th at Holy Name Cathedral. His first Mass will be the same day at the 4:30 Mass at St. Nicholas. The Mass

will be followed by a reception in Oldershaw Hall. It was suggested that we have cards printed to give to Jaime with him Felicitaciones/Congratulations. We also discussed the bulletin notification for this very special event.

Listening Sessions: Listening sessions will be held after all the Masses the first weekend in June. Sheila, Cynthia and Fr. Joe will prepare for these sessions for discussion at the May PPC meeting.

Military Families – Sheila reported that she has put the parishioner who is interested in developing a ministry for military families in touch with another parishioner who is an active service member in the Illinois National Guard. She again encouraged him to contact other parishes in the area.

Joint Potluck – St. Mary's is still working on this – they are meeting tonight and hopefully we will hear from them soon

Summer Programs: Theology on Tap will be held at Sheil this summer. There will also be a Totus Tuus week-long summer camp and we will promote these programs.

New Business: Betsy Q reported that Fr. Bill Tkachuk was recently named pastor of St. Francis Xavier in LaGrange.

Closing Prayer – Sheila offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.