

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

May 23, 2017

### Minutes

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

**Absent:** Deb Evans and Cynthia Judge

**Opening Prayer** – Kevin A. led the opening prayer.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the April 25 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kevin A and seconded by Derrick Blakley. They were unanimously approved.

**Parish Updates** – Fr. Tito gave the Parish Updates:

The PPC Deanery Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2017.

**The Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue** – The Evanston Covenant Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 3 :00 pm at Garret Theological Seminary. There will be a Covenant Renewal Service at Holy Name Cathedral on October 31 with Cardinal Blase Cupich and Lutheran Bishop Wayne Miller.

**Deacon Jaime Rojas** – Fr. Joe thanked everyone who participated in the ordination, the first Mass at St. Nicholas and the reception held the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup>. Jaime and his wife, Leonor, will be introduced to the parish at the 9 and 11 am Masses.

**Listening Sessions** – these sessions will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses. Jose and Jaime will facilitate the 2 Spanish Masses. A call for facilitators will be sent out this week.

**Music Director** –we now have a new Music Director, Ace Gangoso, who will start his position at St. Nicholas on July 10, 2017. Thanks to John Schuchert, the choir and all involved in the search for a new music director.

**Announcement Policy** - comments and suggestions from parish staff on the announcement policy, which Fr. Joe has, will be inserted into the draft by Fr. Joe. The final policy will then be presented to the PPC for approval at the June PPC meeting.

**PPC Spanish Subcommittee** – this committee met for the first time on Monday, May 22, 2017. Representatives from the various Hispanic ministries were present. Fr. Joe and the PPC members were encouraged by the number of new voices that will be present and new ideas from the Hispanic community. Members of the PPC Spanish Subcommittee will have ideas that will be shared with the more formal Parish Pastoral Council.

**Finance Council** – Fr. Joe noted that the Finance Council has asked him to mention at all the Masses this weekend the \$30,000 shortfall we are experiencing in the regular weekly income.

The Finance Council will have fewer people looking at the financial data and more people focusing on Stewardship opportunities.

In addition a master a long-term agreement with the school will need to be developed – possibly next year, to ensure equitable sharing of costs. It was also mentioned that the school will have a small 4<sup>th</sup> grade class this coming year, so if anyone knows 4<sup>th</sup> graders whose family might be interested, they should be encouraged to apply.

Kevin A asked about some paint peeling in the church near the tabernacle. It was reported that the Building Committee is aware of this and they have been taking pictures of minor leaks that show up in the attic.

**PPC Membership:** The PPC discussed the applications from members of the community who had expressed an interest in serving on the PPC. Fr. Joe mentioned to the members of the PPC that one of the confounding issues in selecting the PPC is the changing composition of the group. One has to weigh all the openings keeping in mind the group as a whole. It was agreed that Fr. Joe would invite 4 new members to join the PPC for the June meeting. As the year goes on additional people will leave the council and more new people will join the group.

**PPC Joint Meeting** St. Mary's PPC will host a gathering of the area Parish Councils on Saturday morning, June 10, 2017. It will start with 8 am Mass followed by breakfast. Five members of the St. Nick's PPC will attend.

**Military Families** – Sheila reported that 2 members of St. Nick's have now spoken and they are hoping to develop a ministry at St. Nicholas. They are hoping to get an announcement in the bulletin to determine the interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.