

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
January 23, 2018
Minutes

Present: Damian Barta, Nora Bondi, Sheila Hebein, Suzanne Lefevre, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Yvonne Smith, Fr. Joe Tito

Absent: Fabiola Alfonso, Cynthia Judge, Jose Moreno

Opening Prayer: The meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Betsy Quinn and seconded by Damian Barta. Minutes were approved unanimously with no amendments or changes.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Tito

- James Holzhauser-Chuckas will start as part-time Youth Minister for St. Nicholas by the end of January. In addition, he will work with all four of the Evanston parishes to develop an Evanston Area Youth Ministry. The two positions together will be considered full-time. Funding for the Evanston Area Youth Ministry work will come from all four parishes.
- The Spanish Language Committee (ex-officio) of the Parish Council has completed the En Cuentro process.
- The Liturgy Board has met and has reviewed input received in the Listening sessions from last summer.
- Peace and Justice Committee asked that a sanctuary statement which is being supported by other Evanston area congregations be reviewed for approval. Fr. Tito will consult with Archdiocese as to whether there would be reasons not to sign the statement.
- The Winter Parish Party will include a “Raise the Paddle” event that will focus on repairs and improvement to the Social Hall.
- The Interfaith Action Vision Keeper awardee this year is Christine Benn.
- Evanston Police will be working with parish staff to do soft security review to identify suggestions to improve safety and security during mass and other public events.

Chair's Report – Sheila Hebein

- Requested that the summary of the 2017 Listening sessions be posted on parish website.
- Requested that access to the elevator always be part of the set up for parish events. This has not always been the case.

United Power for Action and Justice – Damian Barta

- The assembly on December 5 on the topic of “Mental Health Treatment, NOT Incarceration” was well attended and deemed a success. More work needs to be done in Cook County to build on the other regional successes in Lake County and

Aurora, especially in regard to recruiting more psychiatrists to serve indigent clients.

- United Power will be focusing on getting commitments of support for these reforms from candidates running for State Attorney General in the November 2018 election.

Young Families – Nora Bondi

- Working on putting up some new informational signage in the church and social hall highlighting all the activities and ministries serving families with young children.
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Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Suzanne Lefevre