

## **St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council**

**September 24, 2019**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Father Joseph Tito, Nora Bondi, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Arturo Medina, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Juan Jose Velasco

**Absent:** Jose Juan Moreno, Yvonne Smith

**Guest:** Maureen Connelly

**Opening Prayer:** 7:14 p.m.  
Canticle of Brother Sun & Sister Moon

**Approval of August Minutes:** Michael made a motion to accept the minutes, Betsy seconded and they were accepted unanimously.

### **Review of St. Nick's new Parish Website – Maureen Connelly**

The PPC looked at the new website, which is still being developed but much progress has been made. A lot of time and effort has been put into it. The Archdiocese has provided some resources and the Parish is a pilot for the new vendor. John Siebert is our designer. Weebly is the platform. Alejandra is our point person, with help from Andrea. Overall, the new design got a very positive response from the Council. Individual PPC members should send comments to Maureen by Tuesday, October 1st. Each Ministry will be responsible for the upkeep of its own page. There will be a training for heads of Ministries about the new website. The goal is to go live with the new website by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Even if it's not perfectly finished, it would be a good idea to meet this deadline. Thanks to John Schuchert for designing and maintaining the current website for so long, on a volunteer basis.

### **Parish Update – Father Tito**

- Beginning to new school year is going well. Attendance is at 205 students. The staff is working hard to increase numbers.
- Bike the Ridge is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..
- Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Daily Mass will move into Chapel permanently.

- St. Nicholas Festival – We still need to recruit new volunteers, especially leaders. Father Tito is calling people to ask for help. Many pieces of the event are not yet in place. There is no overall coordinator. The question remains about Friday night. In the Church, there will be a coordinated celebration of Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas, along with the novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a very fluid situation.

**PPC Reports:**

- PPC Retreat will be postponed until the Spring.
- Welcome Event will be held on October 6, 2019. Suzanne and Arturo are spearheading. Cynthia and Sheila will work on food and set-up.
- Last month's meeting with the other PPC's received an overwhelmingly positive response. St. A's PPC will host the next one in 2020.
- United Power had a meeting with Mayor Lightfoot in Chicago. Over 1,000 people attended, including approximately 30 from St. Nicholas. This was a tremendously successful meeting. The Parish contributed \$7,000 to United Power this year.
- Welcoming at St. Nick's – We need to do a better job of passing out cards to those who raise their hands during the Announcements.
- A suggestion was made that Lemonade on the Lawn should become a new Ministry. We will discuss this more fully next spring.
- No new business was introduced.

**Closing Prayer** was led by Cynthia.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m..