

St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council
February 25, 2020

Present: Father Joseph Tito, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Traci Laffey, Suzanne Lefevre, Arturo Medina, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Yvonne Smith, Juan Jose Velasco

Absent: Nora Bondi, Jose Juan Moreno
Meeting began at 7:13 p.m..

Opening Prayer: Suzanne said the Opening Prayer.

Approval of January 28th, 2019 Minutes: Yvonne made a motion to accept the minutes, Suzanne seconded and they were accepted unanimously.

Parish Update – Father Tito

- **Winter Parish Party:** The numbers look good! There are 35 sign up parties, a record. The Silent Auction didn't make a lot of money, which goes along with the trend that people want "experiences" as opposed to "things." Perhaps next year, we won't do the Silent Auction. There is a lot of effort made to solicit those items, as well. Fr. Tito decided to make his bike ride one that will focus on newcomers. Thanks to Arturo!
- **Liturgy** We need Eucharistic Minister training for the Anglo and Latino communities. There is now a railing on the altar in the Church as well as one in the Chapel.
- Three pastors met – Fr. Tito, Fr. Kevin of St. Mary's and Fr. Anderson of St. Joan of Arc. Fr. Tito initiated the meeting to see if other parishes wanted to be involved in Listening Sessions to prepare for Renew My Church. Fr. Kevin is willing to do so. Father Anderson said his parish would do their own thing. We need once again to follow up with Father Hernan and St. A's Parish Council about holding a Cluster-wide PPC Meeting.
- **Renew My Church:** March, 2021 is when the pastors of our cluster will be brought together for initial discussions. Then in June, 2021, discussions will begin with representatives from every parish in the cluster. It is important to prepare for the process by focusing on the spiritual component of RMC. Perhaps we will bring in Sr. Christina and/or another Franciscan to speak.

PPC Reports

- **Staff Responsibilities** – If you have ideas about what FAQ's could be a part of the website, to help parishioners know more about our staff, please let Sheila know.
- **Interfaith Action of Evanston** – Charlotte Kovacs has volunteered to be our new delegate to IAE. Dan Vicencio was the recipient of the Interfaith Action Service Awards on February 16th. He received the framed Certificate (with the corrected spelling of his name) at the 11:00 Mass on Feb. 23rd. He gave the reflection at that Mass, Pat Tomich gave reflection at the 4:30 Mass, and Sandy Hubbard wrote and Mary Signatur delivered the reflection at the 9:00 English Mass.
- **Archdiocesan Women's Committee (AWC) Discussion Guide**
Sheila gave a report. The discussion guide can be completed online, then downloaded, then attached to an email.
- **Report on Archdiocesan Parish Council** – Cynthia spoke about her report and discussion ensued.
- **Equality for Women in the Church** – There was a very successful meeting after the 9:00 a.m. Masses where 4 young women spoke about how the Catholic Church affects their lives. The speakers were Mary Miro, Jenna Meyers, Ricki Drout and Megan Kennedy-Farrell. Over 80 people attended. Mary Erickson and Barbara Koop led the Q&A session.
- **Welcoming – next steps** Sunday, May 17th will be the next Welcome Event. Spanish parishioners didn't come to the last event and the group tried to determine what kind of event would be most meaningful for this community. Perhaps we could host a smaller event in the computer room, closer to the Chapel. A suggestion was made to have a gathering of families raising children, we should connect with Christine Haley and those who lead Children's Liturgy of the Word.
- **Website** – Training for ministries will be held in March.

New Business

Teen Mass: A simple Worship aide with the readings should be given to those attending this Mass.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.