

**St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council**  
**July 28th, 2020**  
**ZOOM Meeting**

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

**Absent:** Nora Bondi, Arturo Medina, Jose Juan Moreno, Betsy Quinn

Meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

**Approval of June 23, 2020 Minutes**

- Suzanne made a motion to accept the minutes, Traci seconded and they were accepted unanimously.

**Reopening the Church**

- The times of our Parking Lot Masses will change. For the month of August, there will be a Mass in Spanish at 8:30 a.m. and a Mass in English at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, both in the Parking Lot. Also, the 1:00 Mass on Sundays in Spanish will move from the Chapel to the Church. The 4:30 Mass on Saturdays in English will remain in the Chapel. A Stay in the Loop message about these time changes will go out on Wednesday and Saturday.
- There will be another Survey to assess Parishioners comfort coming back to Church, either in the Parking Lot, the Chapel or the Church. The Survey will be sent via an In The Loop message during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August.

The **Rummage Raffle** that is replacing the Rummage Sale will be drawn on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. We should know next week how much money is raised.

**Finances:** Maureen is closing the books on the last Fiscal Year. Father Tito reported that she has been working many hours to help the Parish stay afloat. Also, she has been helping with the reopening plans for Pope John XXIII School. Our finances have remained somewhat stable, based on parishioner generosity, as well as the PPP loan we received. We may see a decline in financial resources this fall. There has been a lot of giving to St. Vincent de Paul Society and our COVID-19 fund is very robust. We are helping parishioners and may see more need as the Pandemic continues and unemployment numbers rise.

A suggestion was raised: could the Finance Council minutes be sent to PPC members? Another suggestion was made to revisit the idea of PPC and Finance Councils meeting jointly at least once a year.

**Pope John XXIII School** will reopen on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held outdoors or in large spaces as much as possible. There are many rules and regulations to be implemented to keep schools safe. 125 Catholic Schools in the United States have had to close recently.

**Religious Education** will begin in September. The plan for virtual vs. in-person learning is still being determined. If in-person learning would happen, a cleaning company would be hired to clean before and after those classes.

**Renew My Church:** Fr. Tito would like to have our PPC and other Councils in our grouping (except for St. Athanasius Parish, which had their own meeting) meet with Brian Romer Niemiec, the Lifelong Formation Coordinator for the Archdiocese, Vicariate II. This meeting could take place in September via Microsoft Teams. Please send questions for Brian to Sheila by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**United Power:** Yvonne gave an update on two initiatives – a get out the vote effort, focusing on Wisconsin and North Carolina (phone campaign to encourage people to vote) and a Greening Campaign (to support raising money to build a model home in North Lawndale, to encourage housing equity).

**Closing Prayer led by Father Tito.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m..**