

St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council
June 23, 2020
ZOOM Meeting

Present: Father Joseph Tito, Nora Bondi, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Suzanne Lefevre, Jose Juan Moreno, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Yvonne Smith

Absent: Traci Laffey, Juan Jose Velasco, and Arturo Medina

Meeting began at 7:10 p.m..

Opening Prayer: Father Tito read from the writings of Augustus Tolton.

Approval of May 26, 2020 Minutes – Yvonne made a motion to accept the minutes, Michael seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Parish Update

- Staff is coming into the office more consistently – Jose, Juanita, Alex and Andrea are all coming in part time, and also working from home. Maureen has been coming to the office throughout the pandemic, out of necessity to keep the finances and the buildings in order. James is continuing with online Youth and Young Adult Ministry activities
- Budget process is going on, it is hard to plan in this environment. Finances are surprisingly stable and parishioners have been very generous. We are 12% short of budget. We are also grateful that the Winter Parish Party brought in so much more revenue than budgeted. We are unsure if the WPP will be able to happen as planned in February, 2021. The Parish is spending just what we need to spend at this time.
- Going forward into the summer months, it is unknown if giving will continue at the same rate. We often see a decrease in contributions at this time. We do have a few more people who now use online giving.
- The Building Committee has not met recently. The Lighting Project in the Church is going forward. The Royal Flush Project is close to being finished.
- Pope John XXIII School – The year ended well on June 3rd with a car celebration. Danielle Gumiran retired after 32 years. She will continue to help with after-school care. School will reopen on August 20th using the cohort model, which means that teachers will rotate, not the students. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom, recess will be only with one's class.

- Reopening Update – The Parish has been approved by the Archdiocese for Phase 2, which means services can be held at 20% of normal capacity. Morning Mass began on June 19th, at 8:00 a.m.. Weddings and Baptisms have happened. A pilot outdoor Mass in Spanish took place on June 21st. About 50 cars were there, attendance was approximately 112 people. On Sunday, June 28th, there will be Parking Lot Masses in both English and Spanish in the Parking Lot, as well as two Masses in the Chapel. The PPC was polled as to which venue – the Chapel or the parking lot – was preferred and the consensus was that the parking lot would serve more people and therefore was preferable. When the Church building reopens, it could serve 95 people. Continued praise for Ace was given for the Liturgy of the Word each week, which will continue.
- Communication – It is very important to continue to prioritize In the Loop messages, which sends people to the parish website. It is important to remember to be kind and flexible, as we are all continuing to learn, grow and adapt.
- There will be no Rummage Sale this summer. Instead, a Raffle will be held on August 1st, with details going out in an In The Loop message soon.
- The Service Trip has been postponed until next summer. All those who would have gone this summer have committed to going next summer.
- Welcome & Engagement – Yvonne has sent out an email message to all people who visited the parish and expressed interest in becoming members. 22 messages were sent out, 5 of those messages came back.
- The Women for Equality in the Church Committee has written a Manifesto.
- The Father’s Day online reflections were well received. We must continue to look for diverse representation within our community.
- Religious Education may be done on line or with a combination of in-person and family catechesis. Once the Church building is opened, we will be able to do First Communions and Father Tito can confirm the RCIA candidates.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m..