**St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council**

**August 10, 2021**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Present:** Father Tom Baldonieri, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Yvonne Smith

**Absent:** Traci Laffey, Suzanne Lefevre, Jose Juan Moreno

Meeting began at 7:02 p.m..

**Opening Prayer**: Led by Father Tom

**Minutes:** No Minutes from the June 22, 2021 Meeting could be approved because of small number in attendance.

**Parish Update – Father Tom**

* **General Discussion:** Commissions, Reopening Team, How to increase attendance at Mass, Welcoming were topics. What can we do to return to some of our pre-COVID practices, such as welcoming newcomers?
* **Religious Education** will take place on Sundays this year, for both Anglo and Hispanic children, in person. The exact times are still to be determined, but essentially will take place between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm. Jose Chavas is putting together a schedule, working on recruiting families to come back to in-person RE. There will be a social meet and greet for families, an Ice Cream Social, with the date to be determined.
* **Renew My Church:** The 5 Parishes will begin meeting in September and in January, 2022, Cardinal Cupich will make his decision. Once the decision is announced, preparations for implementation will begin. A transition team will work with the new pastor. July 1, 2022, is the date for the change to begin.
* **Finances:** The Parish continues to do well, financially. The Annual Report is being worked on, Sheila is on the Committee to prepare it. There was a great response to Interfaith Action of Evanston’s collection.
* **Pope John XXIII School:** Enrollment looks good for the coming School Year.
* **UCYM:** A meeting of the UCYM Advisory Board took place on August 5th. Cynthia and Fr. Tom attended.

**PPC Reports**

* **PPC Schedule:** Meetings will continue to take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month. There will be some new members beginning in September.

**Closing Prayer – led by Father Tom.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m..**