



St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes –April 12th, 2021

In attendance: Fr. Paul Dotson, Deacon Dale Sheckler, Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Deacon Don Burt, John Sabol, Doug Ness, Diane Krause, Gail Marcone, Scott Dominguez, Ryan Stephenson, Rick Martin, Devan Cornelio, Ro Rizzo

Not in attendance: Deacon Jim Egnatuk, Yvonne Chavez, Christine Fontana, Diane Kaiser, Kerie Albano (PTO)

Meeting Chaired By: John Sabol

Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Reflection – John Sabol

Approval of Minutes from March 8th, 2021 Meeting – Approved with a few minor corrections.

SLM Strategic Plan

- **Strategic Plan:** Reviewed copy of the updated Strategic Plan that was updated in June 2019 after the Town Hall Meeting.
 - **Sustained Leadership:** When we go back to hosting fairs we will want to continue with pancake breakfast. Fr. Paul is trying to determine where to put the PC photos that were once in the Narthex.
 - **Personal Safety:** We had a gate installed and will address the issue with the area down the hill. There were cameras installed when the school was remodeled, and it does cover part of the church campus. Tried to visit security guard for school but it was very costly.
 - **Financial Transparency:** There is now a post on the website that posts a charter of both committees but there are no minutes posted. John to follow up with Katie
 - **Transition Plan:** Fr. Paul is looking toward retirement and slowly working on the plan.
 - **Communication:** We have established Town Hall Meetings and held forum on church abuse in 2019. The Zoom format that was held last year seemed to work, but we should look to do something in 2022 if not this year.
 - **Church Site Improvement:** Most physical changes are established. Trying to figure out what to do with Padre Serra's statue due to the two thefts.
 - **Outdoor Gathering Area:** There is a meeting on Thu with 2 architects-starting after school lets out
 - **Columbarium:** 70+ crypts have been sold
 - **Parking:** Golf cart to move parishioners up and down and a parking service was added since we could not use during COVID.

- Outreach: No activity on this
- Technology for communication: Sunday mass on website is currently being done. Flocknotes is being used for updates to parish. Formed is a new platform on the website for parishioners to be able to access faith information.
- After Confirmation: COVID put a bit of a pause on this but we will work on it
- Sacramental follow-up: Added world marriage day activities, but not much activity other than that
- Bible Study: There was a Theology of the Body Series, but this is continuing. There is a book club through Women's Cornerstone but has had trouble keeping traction due to COVID. Possibly may add a children's book club, Scott willing to look into this.
- Young Adults: Pepe is our new youth minister so he will need to turn over the music, and Colleen is going to college so looking into a youth choir.
- Group Sharing: We were looking to promote CFM but because of COVID it has been difficult since it did not transition well virtually.
- Families: Pre-COVID school was having game nights after Saturday night masses, and this is something we are looking to continue once we can meet again in person.
- Welcome Ministry: Scott proposed the idea for sports mass to have teams attend mass in their uniforms and get a blessing during a special mass.
- Sister Parishes: Family Promise is done with other Parishes and FAITH Ministry does things with St. James, as does One Heart.
- Parish Celebrations: Doing this with texts and Flocknotes. They speak to all special events that we hold.
- Service Hours: We do this on an Ad Hoc basis with certain events.
- Hospitality Ministry: Will re-establish coffee and donuts when we can. Would probably be best at the earlier masses.
- Parish Involvement: Family to family ministry is new, as is Open Arms. Have also utilized Cornerstone.
- Periphery of Congregation: No specific action, more one-on-one. Early in COVID Didi put together a phone tree to reach out.
- Volunteer recruitment: We should ensure when we ask for volunteers, we utilize them when they show up. Also, Ministry Spotlight helps to recognize outreach activities.
- Bereavement Ministry: Priority is to restructure this, need new leadership.
- Seniors: We had been trying to restart quarterly senior luncheons and will need to restart once COVID is over.
- Remote Ministries: Zoom meetings should still be an option even after COVID
- School: School rep and Diane are not present, so not much to add here. Scott will take this section to the next PTO meeting to fill out.
- Personal Prayer: We have done multiple events- can add Forums to this.
- Liturgy: Will look to adding more ideas once things open up more. Ministry Spotlight helps here as well
- Eucharistic Adoration: Need to wait until chapel is open to continue these activities

School Representative Update

- No updates available.

Continuing Business & Actions

- **F.A.I.T.H Ministry Update-** There is a labor trafficking Zoom event on Saturday at 930am. Also have begun planning for Chado Tea fundraiser that will be a hybrid of virtual and in person.

Announcements and Comments

- **Many school kids need volunteer hours-** Devan to get a list of people and staff will look at this and see what they can do.
- **Ms. Egnatuk had her baby-** Congratulations to her and prayers for the new family! There is a meal train set up for her and her family.
- **Markings on pews** have been a great addition! Very helpful guidance.

New Business

- No new business.

Fr. Paul's Time

- Easter Mass was great, many attendees.
- Will need to start looking at mass schedule. Saturday at 4pm has become very popular so we will keep this. Will start a 5pm mass again on Sunday but won't be until the summertime.
- Will begin construction on gathering area once school is out. The hope is to have a place for people to go once mass is out and to be used for fundraising events.
- Ems have not been able to visit homebound. Unsure when we will be able to go back in and visit.
- Field down below have basketball courts that are an attractive nuisance. Don't mind people playing basketball but it is attracting other activity that we need to figure out how to mitigate. Possibly more prominent signage and the use of motion detection lights as a deterrent.
- Allowed to have in-person meeting so our next meeting will be together. We must wear masks. This goes for all ministry groups.
- When restrictions are lifted, we will no longer have the 11am outdoor mass. We will continue streaming the 9am mass.
- First Communions we need to play catchup as some from last year have not done so. In the coming weeks we will be having many confirmations and first communions. May 16th there will be masses at 1 (communion) ,3, and 5pm (confirmation). Baptisms will be allowed indoors again now soon as well.
- **Thank you** to those who have remained on council during this time. It has been helpful to maintain stability.
- **Will be having some sort of event** on the 15th to celebrate St. Lawrence and ministries.

- **Juan** will be ordained a Deacon on May 29th. The following year he will be ordained into priesthood so please pray for him.

Next Meeting: May 10th, 2021: Prayer Host – Ryan Stephenson

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Krause & Ro Rizzo, Co-Secretaries.

Approved by: _____

Rev. Paul Dotson, Pastor

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John Sabol, Moderator