



## St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**In attendance:** Fr. Paul Dotson, Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Deacon Jim Egnatuk, Deacon Dale Sheckler, Deacon Don Burt, John Sabol, Doug Ness, Diane Krause, Gail Marcone, Scott Dominguez, Christine Fontana, Rick Martin, Devan Cornelio, Ro Rizzo, Diane Kaiser

**Not in attendance:** Ryan Stephenson, Yvonne Chavez, Kerie Albano (PTO)

**Meeting Chaired By:** John Sabol

**Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Reflection** – Scott Dominguez

**Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2020 Meeting** – Approved

### **SLM Strategic Plan**

- **Ministry Spotlight Update:** We are back on track with 1 ministry a month. In November is was the Pastoral Council, December was Faith ministry, January was on Women's Cornerstone, and February is Prayer Shawl Ministry. March and April are open to suggestion and Food Pantry was given as a suggestion for that. Because readership is down due to it being electronic, we can re-run them again when we start to re-print these again.

### **School Representative Update**

- **We received our waiver approval** in early November and our TK-2 came back to school 2 times a week. Cohorts must be 12 at a time, so we had to split up to accommodate and we passed our protocols by the LA County Department of Public Health. With the COVID spike in December we made the decision to go back to distance learning through January 19<sup>th</sup>. Faculty meeting tomorrow will be to discuss how we will do this. There is still no word on grades 3-8 returning to campus.
- **We have a remodeling project** starting this week to remodel office space and develop a learning commons that will also house a resource center for children with special needs. This will be named the Sister Judith Peters Learning Commons which will be the area of old library and computer room. Parents are actively fundraising for this as well.
- **Enrollment is up-** we have 317 students out of our ideal 330. Currently going through the application process for 2021-2022 school year is open.
- **Prepping for distance learning is very involved** and parents are still paying full tuition even though kids are distance. Because of all this prep work the teachers must do for distance learning it is greater than if they were in-person due to recording lectures and prepping virtual materials.
- **There is a Bettolino Kitchen restaurant night out fundraiser** tomorrow night for the school as well.

- Gail to connect with Kerrie and Diane to put together an **article for Catholic Schools Week**.

### Continuing Business & Actions

- **Marriage Enrichment**- Celebration of World Marriage Day on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> planning is in progress.
- **F.A.I.T.H Ministry Update**- Not a lot to mention at this time. They will meet in a couple weeks to kick off the year, but they normally do a rosary in February and will most likely do this again this year. Generally planning for a possible virtual event on labor trafficking in April or May with hope that we may be able to do something in person later in the year. Since 2014 F.A.I.T.H. has raised over \$53,000 for these organizations.

### Announcements and Comments

- **World Marriage Day Celebration (Feb 14th)**- Valentine's Day and World Marriage Day fall on the same day. Can we do something? Maybe having the marriage banner out or doing something virtual.
- **Volunteer Status**- Is there something we can do in recognition for volunteers? Let's wait until we can do this properly and in person
- **Great Call Tree**- Last year we called all the parishioners last April and it may be time to do this again. Deacon Jim will ask Didi if she is willing to coordinate this again.
- **Women's Cornerstone**- Going to try a virtual retreat this year that will start Friday evening, pick up again Saturday morning, and wrap up on Sunday.

### New Business

- **Is there possibility of having only 1 of the masses inside?** Fr. Paul will address during his time.

### Fr. Paul's Time

- **COVID**- Several weeks ago the city said we can go back into church, but the Diocese did not recommend it due to the surge. The staff made the decision to keep everyone outside taking into consideration the danger of putting people back inside which we have gotten a lot of positive feedback on from the parish.
- Due to the generosity of a parish family we can keep the tent which is over \$300 per mass.
- **Masses at Christmas**- 3pm on Christmas Eve was best attended and then began to drop off after, we probably could have done without the 7pm mass. We had over 2,000 hits on our streamed mass that we recorded a few days earlier.
- **Lent is coming up** and we will have Ash Wednesday. We will sprinkle the ashes as they do in Rome.
- **First Communions are still going on**, so those and other sacraments will still be happening at masses.

- **This has been declared the year of St. Joseph**, so those materials may be going on. We have been considering making our Parish Center area with the mosaic a shrine to St. Joseph for an area of reflection.
- **Thanks to Susan Mills** for all her hard work.
- **Men's Cornerstone postponed** until end of June so it will hopefully be live.
- **We will not have adoration for now in the church**, we will continue to have it in the patio area.
- **Suspending resignations** from Parish Council until all of this is over- please continue to stay on.

**Next Meeting: February 8, 2020:** Prayer Host – Christine Fontana

**Closing Prayer:** Scott Dominguez

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

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rev. Paul Dotson, Pastor**

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**John Sabol, Moderator**