



St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – November 9th, 2020

In attendance: Fr. Paul Dotson, Deacon Dale Sheckler, Deacon Don Burt, John Sabol, Gail Marcone, Scott Dominguez, Christine Fontana, Diane Krause, Ryan Stephenson, Rick Martin, Devan Cornelio, Ro Rizzo, Diane Kaiser, and Kerie Albano (PTO)

Not in attendance: Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Deacon Jim Egnatuk, Doug Ness, Yvonne Chavez,

Meeting Chaired By: John Sabol

Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Reflection – Diane Krause

Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2020 Meeting – Approved

SLM Strategic Plan

- **Ministry Spotlight Update:** We have talked about an article on the Pastoral Council and this is a revised article. This was approved with listing Kerie Albano as the school representative.
There are two other articles on the works on Prayer Shawl Ministry and also F.A.I.T.H- also thinking of running a Men's and Women's Cornerstone article to run in January. Would probably need to wait until we know what's happening in mid-January.
- **School Spotlight:** Will try to do some sort of school highlight for Catholic School's week in January. Gail will connect with Kerie after the PTO meeting tomorrow to get more details.
- **Town Hall Meeting:** Zoom would not be a good platform for a Town Hall, however, a live stream may be the best option. Could do it in a format where there is a brief opening or "presentation" followed by the ability to ask questions via livestream. May have to do something prior to Christmas but will look to a town hall format by the end of the year. The council is happy to meet on short notice to help put something together if needed.

School Representative Update

- **Still not in school just yet,** but they have put in the waiver for TK- 2nd grade. Other schools such as American Martyrs have been approved, however, we are still waiting to hear back. Mrs. Kaiser is planning on giving an update to PTO tomorrow. School has been doing a great job communicating with parents.

- **The Golf Tournament fundraiser** happened on Friday, this year they rolled the balls down the hill- but it was a great turnout in consideration of the times. Totals are still being calculated.
- **The restaurant fundraisers** have been happening and Kerie will give Gail details to put in the bulletin
- **The Fun Run** is coming up this Friday and the 8th graders have been allowed to do this in person.

Continuing Business & Actions

- **Marriage Enrichment-** This is the time of the year where we normally plan a Valentine's Day mass, but with everything up in the air its hard to tell. Could do a virtual one if it comes down to it, but we will revisit this. Also still putting articles in the bulletin about this.
- **F.A.I.T.H Ministry Update-** Had the Tea for God's Children and it was a very successful event raising almost \$18,000 for Treasures. Have talked about a virtual rosary for victims on February 8th. Keeping fingers crossed for an in-person Tea event next year.

Announcements and Comments

- **Mass for All Souls** last Monday night was amazing, and the way that the names are posted are very creative.
- **Drive by food pantry** went very well. Thank you to everyone involved.
- **3rd Grade and on** have been streaming the class masses and keeping the masses smaller to allow for proper COVID protocols. This brings up the question as to whether we can do this for each organization- but at this point we don't have the technology for lighting, etc.
- **Interfaith Celebration event** will be on the 24th of November at Temple Menorah this year. This is a chance for all faiths to gather and celebrate the gifts that we have.
- **Adopt a family** will be starting soon. Deacon Dale has already reached out to get this rolling. At this point we will most likely be gathering items and delivering to the Parish to hand out.
- **Giving Tree** started and we have gotten rid of a lot of ornaments so far. One man took about 70 ornaments! There is also a virtual option for giving.
- **Other people filming on our private property** means we are able to ask them to not film. As ushers, if they give push back we can ask a priest to address it or we can call Redondo Beach PD if they do not comply.

New Business

- We should look to **hyperlink the donation website to the mass livestream**. Devan will reach out to Virginia Dargan on this.

Fr. Paul's Time

- **We are asking people to sign up for texts** so that we can text people when mass is cancelled if the weather is bad.
- **Reminding people to dress appropriately for mass.** It is getting cold and wet and we need people to come prepared for the weather. The weather is presenting a problem and will be a challenge for Christmas mass.
- **We will probably Livestream Christmas Eve Mass** since we may not be able to hold the amount of people that would normally come to a Christmas Mass while following COVID protocol. Unfortunately, due to the amount of work that goes into streaming and setting up a mass, moving down the hill will not work due to effort as well as it is getting dark earlier. There is a possibility to ask Bishop Montgomery to partner with us and see if we can use the football stadium to hold a mass, but Fr. Paul is actively working with staff.
- **Christmas Day** we plan on having 7am, 9am, and 11am mass. Even if they allow us back in the churches for Christmas will present a challenge if we must limit the attendance.
- **Ministries are functioning the best they can** and they are doing all the youth ministries online. Participation has been great via Zoom.
- **Financially we are staying above water** but we are appreciative of what people have been giving even though most are going through their own difficult financial times.
- **We have been breaking up the first communions** and we still have about 40 kids left that we are working on. The smaller group size has been nice. We have also had a number of weddings and funerals.

Next Meeting Tentatively Scheduled: December 14, 2020: Prayer Host – John Sabol

Closing Prayer: Diane Krause

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

Approved by: _____

Rev. Paul Dotson, Pastor

Approved by: _____

John Sabol, Moderator