



St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – March 8th, 2021

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

Not in attendance: Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Deacon Jim Egnatuk, Deacon Don Burt, Yvonne Chavez, Kerie Albano (PTO)

Meeting Chaired By: John Sabol

Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Reflection – Devan Cornelio

Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021 Meeting – Approved with minor change from Dr. Paul to Fr. Paul in New Business

SLM Strategic Plan

- **Strategic Plan:** Gail to send copies of Strategic Plan to everyone so that we can re-examine and get feedback on completed items so we can update since COVID. Next meeting we will go through and look at this.
- **Ministry Spotlight Update:** One article pending for Prayer Shawl Ministry and food pantry. Susan Mills has these for bulletin.

School Representative Update

- **COVID Update-** Newest information came today from Archdioceses and decreased numbers means we will soon be bringing back 7th and 8th grade by March 17th. We recently brought back 3-6 and we are still offering distance for those who are not comfortable letting kids back. We will continue hybrid for now but most likely not through rest of year.
- **Enrollment for next year-** We are full and our enrollment period is closed. Starting a waitlist for spots.
- **We are remodeling the school-** With the Sr. Judith Peters Learning Commons. The parish gave a large donation and other alumni are donating. There is a link on the website. Will send invitation to Susan Mills on Fundraiser for learning Commons.
- **MME-** We will have a paired down version of the fundraiser at the Shade as they were told last week they could not have the April 2021 event with a large group.
- **Thank you Gail** for the write-up on Catholic Schools Week.

- **8th graders into high school-** Everyone who applied to Bishop got in with several students getting into honors Geometry and English with 2 more students getting admitted with top honors. One gentleman even got into Loyola.
- **Academic Decathlon happened Saturday-** This year it was an online competition with 28 local school participating due to COVID, which is less than normal years. SLM came in 2nd on the Super Quiz which is a great accomplishment.
- **Designer Handbag Fundraiser-** We might be able to do something outside sometime in April, but will keep looking at this.

Continuing Business & Actions

- **Marriage Enrichment-** Celebration of World Marriage Day was Feb 14th. Hopefully we can do more next year face-to-face.
- **F.A.I.T.H Ministry Update-** We had a rosary in Feb for Feast Day and it was lovely. Hoping to do more as mission is to pray for victims. Working on small fundraiser where if you shop at 10,000 villages a small percentage comes back to the ministry. Will be having a labor trafficking seminar on April 17th and will feature a survivor and member of fair-trade area. Looking to see if we can do tea in September for large fundraiser.

Announcements and Comments

- **Easter Schedule-** Letter arriving to homes today
- **Women's Cornerstone-** Was done virtually and was on a Friday and half of Saturday with mass on Sunday. We had around 27 participants with around 45 people overall and it was spectacular. Would like to hold shortened version of the retreat overall. It was powerful and welcomes in a time of isolation. Weekend team delivered a big bag to every attendee with 5-6 smaller bags and during retreat they opened as they went which was a nice way to tie everything together. With it being virtual there were individuals able to attend who wouldn't normally such as illness which was an advantage.
- **Men's Cornerstone-** June 25th and 26th is the plan for Men's cornerstone depending on if they can do it face-to-face as the men feel it needs to be in person.

New Business

- **New Mass Added:** People are excited about 1230 mass on Tue and Thur.
- **Reminder to wear masks properly and dress accordingly for mass:** Pre-Mass reminder to wear masks properly as we near the end of COVID. Will also remind that doors must be left open during mass so dress accordingly.
- **Live-Streaming** has been coming along very clearly lately. We have new cameras that are permanently mounted, and we think the streaming mass may be each Sunday moving forward-but should not take place of going to mass.

Fr. Paul's Time

- **Thank you** for those volunteering so that we can continue to have a worship community.

- **Need to look at how to administer sacraments over the coming year.** This year there will be a Sunday with the gathering of kids and parents at separate mass for communions. Confirmation will be on 16th of May with 2 ceremonies. One with bee at 3 and one at 5 or else there would be too many kids. The adults in the South Bay will be done at a later date.
- **Easter-** Easter schedule is coming in mail. No procession at Palm Sunday but we will still bless palms. Holy Thursday will in in church in evening. Adoration will be after mass until 10pm. Good Friday will be at 12 and 3pm will have Stations of Cross with Service in evening. Easter Vigil will be earlier and scaled down- we have about 9 people to be baptized. We will add 2 masses on Easter Sunday at 9am and 11am. On Easter Sunday the 9am will be live-streamed, we are still unsure about the Easter Vigil. Inside the church we can only have between 250-300 at this time. We will have parking service at Easter as well as Erika to drive on Easter.
- **The patio area between the church and Parish center where mass has been needs attention.** We need to make this patio more attractive and useful so right now we are working out the cost of turning that patio into a gathering area. The features will include the ability to host functions outdoor such as mass. We are looking to get rid of the asphalt, will most likely look at working on this once school is out. Should take about 6 weeks from that point.
- **Virginia Dargen is heading to the archdiocese.** Her talents have been recognized wit the archdiocese and Katy Dagampat is stepping into her shoes. Katy is doing a fabulous job to this point. We have put word out that we are looking for a full-time youth minister.
- **Columbarium** is doing well, people have been coming by to pray.
- **Meeting in-person-** We don't have an idea yet but hoping it won't be long.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2021: Prayer Host – Yvonne Chavez

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