



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

In attendance: Fr. Paul Dotson, Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Deacon Jim Egnatuk, Ryan Stephenson, Christine Fontana, Rick Martin, Diane Krause, John Sabol, Devan Cornelio, Ro Rizzo, Phil Fuentes (PTO)

Not in attendance: Deacon Dale Sheckler, Deacon Don Burt, Scott Dominguez, Doug Ness, Yvonne Chavez, Gail Marccone

Meeting Chaired By: John Sabol

Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Reflection – Devan Cornelio

Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2020 Meeting – Approved.

SLM Strategic Plan

- **Ministry Spotlight Update/ Pastoral Council Article for Bulletin-** John is checking the email on behalf of the council. Fr. Mark suggests not only highlighting what we have done but what is next- itemizing the things that we may still look at. Need to update the part about the pictures in the Narthex and change to where we end up re-posting them. Could also be helpful to highlight the mass that each of the members attends as well. As far as Ministries to highlight maybe we can have Eve do a write up on the Ushers so that we can feature them. F.A.I.T.H. might be a good one to highlight closer to September in line with their tea.
- **Reposting the photos-** We can the photos on the website and on the bulletin board on the South side of the church.
- **Advertising in the bulletin** it may be helpful to start thinking about the possibility of being able to advertise in the bulleting and on our website as well.
- **Re-take our photos next meeting-** so everyone come picture ready.
- **Town Hall Meeting-** Will be having the Town Hall on May 4th- so this will be replacing the May meeting.
- **Connecting the school and parish-** it would be helpful to continue to think of ways to connect the school and parish even though plans fell through this year.

School Representative Update

- **Diane Kaiser** will not be returning next year so we are in the process of finding a new principal. We wish her the best and will continue to pray that the right person will fill the spot.
- **Game night and tacos** on Feb 22nd was well received and the event seems to be catching on. The only drawback was kids vandalizing the restrooms but that will be addressed by locking the restrooms.

- **Family Dance** was scheduled for May 9th along with the family mass which is the same night as the father/daughter dance. The consideration is to have the family mass then either or- but a decision will be made at the PTO meeting tomorrow.
- **Mariners Main Event (MME)** is coming up on April 25th at the Shade Hotel in Redondo Beach. Tickets are either sold out or close to sold out.
- **Spring Concert** is Wed, May 13th. Will need volunteers for the stage- but are thinking of a hoedown theme that may be held down the hill. If we do a hoedown theme they are thinking of doing a BBQ with food for sale prior to the concert.
- **Academic Decathlon**- Out of 100 schools our school finished in 14th place and we had 4 individual medalists at the Pyramid at Long Beach State. St. Catherine took first and will be going to state.

Continuing Business & Actions

- **Marriage Enrichment**- Nothing planned at the time other than continuing the monthly corner.
- **“Thank You’s” to Gloria and Richard**- John drafted a letter and sent to Fr. Paul but has not received any feedback. He is unsure if it was used but will follow up with him on this.
- **Senior Lunch**- Virg and Didi are looking at dates for the next lunch. Talking about “jumping into Spring”- want to do it while school is in session.

Announcements and Comments

- **Men’s Cornerstone Retreat**- Went really well and there was a lot of great feedback. Fr. Mark did a great job connecting with the retreatants. The retreat is even starting to reach community members beyond the SLM community. Special kudos to the men who plan this- they make it look easy and they make it enjoyable for all those involved.
- **Lenten Labyrinth**- Is this happening again? Possibly on Good Friday April 10th.
- **Good Friday Narrator**- Will be short handed for stations of the cross and Rick will connect Ryan with the coordinators to narrate.
- **St. Joseph’s Table**- Will still be occurring on Sunday the 15th.

New Business

- **The new chandelier** is in and it was raised slightly to keep it from blocking anything- but it looks great!
- **Ice Machine** in the hall was broken but was replaced this week.
- **Tent in the food pantry** is on its last leg and we could use a new one.
- **Juniper Serra replacement**- still waiting on word if this will be replaced or not.
- **Live Stream Mass?**- For those who are sick maybe we could live stream mass so that they don’t feel obligated to come while they are sick.

Fr. Paul’s Time

- **Bells** are progressing and will go up Friday.
- **Candelabra** is in and we are still tweaking electrical
- **Columbarium** is also progressing on its way. Urns are here and getting picked up. Looking at installing starting in March.
- **Sound system**- working on a punch list as well as getting hearing impaired system fixed.
- **Sacristy sink** is being fixed.
- **Currently no wine or holy water**- treating COVID-19 as we would flu season.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2020: Prayer Host – Yvonne Chavez

Closing Prayer: Devan Cornelio

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

Approved by: _____

Rev. Paul Dotson, Pastor

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John Sabol, Moderator