



St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2020

In attendance: Fr. Paul Dotson, Fr. Mark Warnstedt, Deacon Jim Egnatuk, Deacon Dale Sheckler, Deacon Don Burt, John Sabol, Gail Marcone, Doug Ness, Scott Dominguez, Ryan Stephenson, Rick Martin, Yvonne Chavez, Devan Cornelio, Ro Rizzo, Diane Kaiser, and Kerie Albano (PTO)

Not in attendance: Christine Fontana, Diane Krause

Meeting Chaired By: John Sabol

Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Reflection – Doug Ness

Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2020 Meeting – Approved

SLM Strategic Plan

- **Town Hall Meeting:** We will need to start at ground zero when things open back up considering we cannot have any gatherings. Best to address all these things in person instead of virtually. The ability to ask questions via email then post video “fire-side chats” every few weeks is valuable.
- **Ministry Spotlight Update:** We ran one for *Get on the Bus* and we have three more ready for *One Heart*, *Stephen Ministry*, and one other. We should publish them in the e-bulletin since we are not sure when the next physical copy will go out. Gail will connect with Susan to get these out.

School Representative Update

- **Welcome Kerie Albano!** She is the new PTO chairperson
- **Diane Kaiser** is still here and will not be leaving this year. She was gracious enough to stay and lead our school through a year during a pandemic.
- **He school has been working on an updated learning plan.** At first it was a staggered schedule, in-person mixed with digital, however, now with the Governor’s order they may need to go digital with distance learning.
- **Will be sending out an instruction handbook** to all the parents, so they know what to expect for the first day of school on August 26th. Looking to have a back to school zoom meeting the week prior.
- **The Diocese is working with the state on a waiver** to go back to school in person, however, the county of Los Angeles is not eligible for the waiver because it is a “hot spot”.
- **Fundraising** has been put on hold this year so they are looking to think outside the box this year on ways to fundraise digitally.

Continuing Business & Actions

- **Marriage Enrichment-** continuing to put out articles and information pertaining to marriage and families. Nothing in terms of physical events at this point.
- **F.A.I.T.H Ministry Update-** Has been trying to continue efforts in a different way. They have done a collection of items and cash donations to be able to support some of the organizations as was able to raise about \$1500. Learned that Human Trafficking is on the rise and people that are being lured in are more vulnerable than ever. Will do a virtual tea this year on **September 13th**. This year the benefiting organization will be Treasures and you can purchase take-out tea service from Chado as well as raffle tickets. Program will be live-streamed, hosted by Gail and Jeanne Soto as well as the founder of Treasures.

Announcements and Comments

- Now that we are outdoors we do not have to limit ourselves to 100 people. No longer 615 mass, but 8:00am is starting to get more people.
- Restaurants are a possibility for fundraising- order out/take-out/pick up restaurant nights. When the school secures their dates they can post their fundraiser dates so the parish knows about them.

New Business

- No new business items

Fr. Paul's Time

- Cant thank the parish and particularly the staff for all of the effort that they have put into keeping everything moving along. This is all new, and even when this is over we will continue to have one of the masses streamed each week.
- One of the challenges has been financially, and although the government sent some relief we will have to look at finances and look at a number of things to cut spending on. Fr. Paul is not giving up, will not retire and will see this through.
- This Sunday we will collect food and give a drive-through blessing in honor of St. Lawrence.
- People have been extremely generous in this time giving us money for the food bank. We have not run out of food and have been able to keep that running.
- We are getting about 2,000 hits on streamed mass each week. The 11am mass is streamed every Sunday but the actual attendance is usually lower than the 8:00am.
- We had our confirmations this year. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we did confirmations in broken out ceremonies. Ceremonies were about 40 minutes long and in some sessions there were 7 kids. **Congratulations to Devan who was confirmed yesterday.** Had very positive feedback on social media. Hopefully when the church opens up we will see many First Communions.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2020: Prayer Host – Rick Martin

Closing Prayer: Doug Ness

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

Approved by: _____

Rev. Paul Dotson, Pastor

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John Sabol, Moderator