St. Louis King of France Pastoral Council
Meeting minutes – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 via Zoom

Attendance:
✓ Fr. Matthew Kinney
✓ Fr. Jesse Martinez
✓ Daniel Caballero, President
✓ Donna McClung, Ex Officio
✓ Ken Horton
✓ Ofelio Guevara
✓ Bruni Cruz
✓ Lauren Ward
✓ Joe Ramacciotti
✓ Maribel Vera
✓ Marie Cehovin
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✓ Jennifer Nubie
✓ Andrew Padilla
✓ Ernesto Olivares
✓ Tony Garcia
✓ Bea Dela Rosa, Director of Parish Social Ministries

I. Opening
   a. Meeting Call to Order at 6:04 pm
   b. Opening Prayer: Fr. Matthew
   c. Approval of April and May minutes

II. Pastor’s Report – Fr. Matthew Kinney
   a. Fr. Jesse Martinez is being assigned to the Santa Cruz Parish in Buda, TX and will begin Jul 5.
   b. We will be assigned a new priest named Kyle Nesrsta, he has visited St. Louis, has a lot of energy and passion, and will be a good fit. He will be able to serve the Hispanic Masses as well.
   c. Staff update
      i. Adult Formation & Evangelization Director, Tom Carani, is stepping down
   d. St. Louis Campus
      i. Campus is closed for the summer, including the Adoration Chapel
      ii. Office is open weekday mornings. Many staff activities are now being done online.
      iii. We are in the process of transferring data to the new Realm parish management system
      iv. Adaptations for safety for the ministries in the fall is being discussed
   e. Contributions
      i. Lower amounts coming in (70-80% of budget) but are holding steady
   f. Liturgy
      i. The official guidelines for attending Mass can be found here: https://www.st-louis.org/mass-updates
      ii. We are enforcing the policy of everyone wearing masks at St. Louis
      iii. Our numbers have been around 30% capacity for Masses. We are currently not able to accommodate 50% capacity with the layout of the pews.
      iv. In July there will be 4 Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation
      v. Livestream of 9:30 and 1:30 Masses will continue for the foreseeable future
III. Old Business:
   a. Parish Council Discernment
      i. Fr. Matthew sent out ideas about the discernment process for the council to review
      ii. No cards in the pews for nominations for safety, create an online form to fill out
      iii. Council has been asked to provide the online form information to Cristian and Evelyn
      iv. The timeline for the discernment will be coordinated via email. The three members who would be retiring from council are happy to continue as members until discernment has finished
   b. Parish Feast Day
      i. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Louis liturgically (bring out the relics and have special music) but a party cannot be held this year.

IV. New Business:
   a. Bea Dela Rosa, Director of Parish Social Ministries (PSM) presented on her ministries
      i. Parish Social Ministries include:
         1. Gabriel Project
         2. Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) – The truck is going out 5 times a month, it used to go out 19 times
         3. She assists the Bereavement Committee
         4. Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) – they are assisting many families and financial assistance has been found for those in need from other resources.
         5. Food Pantry
            a. Two employees that were furloughed have returned to work
            b. The new system is a drive thru and is faster for the families than before. The number of families has increased since COVID came around.
            c. Items donated range from food to household and retail stores donate many of our items (HEB, two Targets, Randall’s, and more)
            d. We haven’t been able to host a food drive at the parish. Neighbors in Crestview have seen the drive thru system and expressed interest in donating food and money to assist.
            e. The Rotary Club ran a food drive and donated 9,000 lbs of food
            f. Volunteers dropped off due to safety concerns but many are coming back
      ii. Questions for Bea:
         1. Where do you see the needs? Where do you need more support? We can use both more volunteers and money. Week days for collecting food between 9:30a – 1:30p and Saturdays 8a – 10a. Contact Bea by email at bea.delarosa@st-louis.org to volunteer.
      iii. Council proposed some ideas for obtaining more support:
         1. Share a story from SVdP and at the end request donations in the bulletin and on social media
         2. Throw a food drive after Masses to drop food off at the food pantry (have volunteers ready to collect food) using the drive thru format
         3. Post a sign outside the PSM building with something like “This is the St. Louis Food Pantry, we accept food donations on X day from X to X. We accept monetary donations at this link: https://st-louis.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SocialMinistries
   iv. Council Members – Ad hoc committee for helping Bea
1. Lauren, Daniel, and Marie volunteered

V. Perspectives from the Pews:
   a. Many folks are not feeling connected to the community. Suggestion: Send an email to the ministry leaders asking them to reach out to their members and set up a meeting virtually or come up with other ways to interact with them.
   b. Having the church office open during the week is great but some parishioners still have to physically go to work and cannot make it there in the mornings, can we have one day a week open in the afternoon (1p - 6p)?
   c. Some have asked for a Missio 2020 update. Suggestion: Add new content to the Missio 2020 page on the main St. Louis website.
      Fr. Matthew will be having a meeting about Missio 2020 and will provide an update at the next meeting.
   d. The Diocese is sending out lot of correspondence about Missio 2020 via snail mail and many have said that so much paper and postage about donations received has been unnecessary. Can they be asked to slow that down?

VI. Agenda Items for the next meeting
   a. The Parish Social Ministries Ad Hoc Committee will provide an update
   b. President Elect and Secretary nominations
   c. Email Daniel if we have items to add

VII. Closing prayer and blessing – Fr. Matthew
   a. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next meeting will be on August 25th, 2020 at 6:00 PM either via Zoom or in the conference room. Minutes submitted by Lauren Ward.