

Worship Commission

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Members Present: Roseanne Cannon, Mary Green, Lois Latzy, Debby Kellner (*Chair*), Margy Reagan, Darlene Lewis, and Steve Szczap

Members Absent: Alan Wilson

Ex Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes (*Pastoral Associate*) and Katie Giblin (*Recording Sec.*)

Ex Officio Absent: Fr. Geoff Drew (*Pastor*)

Guests: Lisa Schafer, Outreach Commission

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Roseanne opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 PM.
- II. Formation Discussion - Catechesis and Ministry Leaders
 - A. As Catholics we have a responsibility to serve at Mass.
 - B. Liturgical ministers have a distinct role in the Mass.
 - C. What does sincere devotion mean for liturgical ministers? How can we cultivate that type of devotion?
 - D. Reading scripture, praying, and reflecting can deepen a liturgical minister's sense of purpose.
 - E. Lay minister roles have expanded and evolved.
 - F. Catechesis is vital at all levels.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - A. Mary motioned to approve, and Roseanne seconded.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. The Bread of Life series from the Gospel of John is an opportunity for liturgical catechesis.
 1. This will take place mid-July to mid-August during Mass.
 2. Each weekend the message will be consistent, with one priest/deacon preaching all 4 Masses.
 - B. WC will keep the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday going forward.
 1. St. Max Stations of the Cross coincides with Stations of the Cross at the abortion clinic in Sharonville. WC may need to adjust the start time as a result.
 - C. The newly updated children's Mass booklets will be the same that we have currently. The cover will be stronger on the new set to combat current issues.
 - D. How can we make the Mass 101 series more accessible to people virtually in order to increase attendance?
 1. Real-time broadcasting via the Web was discussed.
 2. Allowing parishioners to watch broadcasts on their own time was also discussed.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from April PC Meeting

1. In May there will be a vote to pursue an easement for an entrance to St. Max off of Lesourdsville West Chester Road.
 2. WC members need to review the new governance model for councils and commissions.
 3. Thank you letters will be sent at the end of ministry leader's terms.
 4. There is still a question of what Pastoral Council has decided in terms of thanking ministry volunteers.
- B. Campus Plan Update
1. There are no current updates. WC should receive an update at the May meeting.
- C. Evaluation of Lent and Triduum
1. Lent - Suggestions were made to simplify the evaluation questions and hand out the evaluations at the beginning of the season.
 - a. The recessional done after Communion seems to have lost its solemnity.
 - b. It is never too late to start in Lent in our own lives.
 - c. The preaching was relatable and could be applied to modern life.
 - d. Art and environment does a great job of making the Church look like Easter for the entire season.
 - e. A suggestion was made for Jeremy to write a piece for the bulletin explaining why the baptismal font is partially drained during Lent and fully drained during the Triduum.
 2. Triduum
 - a. A suggestion was made to leave the Tabernacle in the window (once it is bolted to the table) and cover the window, rather than removing it.
 - b. A suggestion was made to have all of the liturgical ministers assisting with the Triduum to gather and practice before the services.
 - c. The formal invitation that was sent to parishioners was attention grabbing.
 - d. Attendance was in the normal range on Easter Sunday.
 1. Easter Vigil attendance was lighter than normal.
 2. Holy Thursday attendance was more than normal.
- D. Chair/Vice Chair and Pastoral Leadership Renewal
1. Pastoral Leadership Renewal - Debby asked for two to four volunteers at each Mass on May 9th and 10th to pass out leadership nomination and renewal forms.
 - a. WC will also need to provide two members at each council and commission information session on May 30th, June 4th, and June 7th.
 - b. Pastoral Leadership Renewal will take place on June 14th when names are called at the noon Mass.
 2. Chair/Vice Chair Selections
 - a. There were no volunteers for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for WC. Names will most likely be drawn from current members.
 - b. WC may need to change the date of the June meeting due to vacations, etc.

VI. New Business

- A. Ministry Day – Outreach
 - 1. Ministry Day will be May 16th from 9 AM to 4 PM.
 - 2. Booths will be set up in the gym highlighting each ministry.
 - 3. The purpose is to give parishioners an opportunity to try out different ministries without making a large commitment.
- B. Guidelines For Presentations
 - 1. Debby asked for feedback on presentations given by other ministries during WC meetings.
 - 2. Does the presentation relate to the goal of WC?
 - 3. Does the presentation interfere with the WC agenda due to time constraints?
- VII. Closing Prayer
 - 1. Roseanne led the closing prayer.
 - 2. Debby motioned to close the meeting at 8:59 PM, and Mary seconded.