

Worship Commission

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Members Present: Roseanne Cannon, Mary Green, Lois Latzy, Debby Kellner (Chair), Margy Reagan, Darlene Lewis, Alan Wilson, Steve Szczap, Patsy Starr

Ex Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate), Katie Giblin (Recording Sec.), Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

Agenda

I. Debby opened the meeting at 7:02pm with a prayer. This month WC prayed for the Finance Commission.

II. Formation Twenty – The discussion was postponed due to a meeting with Fr. Geoff added to the agenda.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – May and June

- A. Katie will make a few corrections to the May minutes.
- B. Debby approved and Margy seconded both the May and June minutes.

IV. Pastoral Associate Report

- A. There are now altar servers during weekday masses, but there is still a need to find more people to do this on a regular basis.
- B. The children's and cherub choir will only sing together twice per year, Christmas and Easter, due to space issues in the music area of the church.
- C. St. Max has purchased a full set of new hand bells, which amounts to 37 total hand bells (3 octaves).
- D. Flower donations for the church are going well.
- E. Jeremy and Mary Ella are working to add a 6th set of "ritual" music to the current weekly rotation.

V. Continuing Business/Projects

A. Housekeeping Items

- 1. Sign Up Sheet for PC Meetings
 - a. WC members were asked to sign up to attend the PC Meetings.
 - b. WC members give a 5 minute presentation to PC.
 - c. WC members need to find a replacement for the PC meeting in the event they cannot attend their scheduled meeting.
- 2. Current Contact Information Update

a. Debby passed around an email and phone number list to make sure all WC member info is up to date.

B. Items related to WC from June and August PC Meetings

1. Father Geoff passed out the 2014 Formation Twenty book to each member. This session focuses on the liturgy.

2. Fr. Geoff presented the new capital campaign, undertaken by the archdiocese.

a. Fr Geoff shared with us preliminary information about the “One Faith, One Hope, One Love” archdiocesan capital campaign, which will occur in every parish in 2015.

b. This campaign will begin to address many long-range needs for the entire archdiocese as well as present some wonderful long-range opportunities for St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

3. Stephen Ministry presented and will also present to WC in September.

4. The PATH ad hoc committee was created to handle document updates.

a. Gerri Walsh will represent WC.

b. WC will present items for PATH consideration.

5. The kneelers in the church should be re-done by Christmas.

6. St. Max may also get a seminarian intern this year.

C. Liturgy Evaluation (7:45 pm)

1. Eastertide/Ascension/Pentecost - liturgical evaluation

a. The hand bells were not rung for the triduum.

b. The décor should be enhanced with more flowers to make Easter Sunday more vibrant.

c. There were no notable changes from the 2013 celebration.

d. The worship aids were helpful.

2. Sundays of Ordinary Time (June-July-August)

a. The sound system will be re-evaluated since some of the speakers near the back of church have been shut off.

b. The prayer wall is generating good feedback.

3. Feast of St. Max (Aug 16/17)

- a. There was a feeling of pride in our parish.
- b. The music added to the celebration.
- c. There is talk of getting a relic of St. Max when the chapel is reconfigured.

4. Vice Chair discernment

a. The vision was the Vice Chair would be a second year member to assist the chair and possibly lead some WC meetings.

b. Debby will send out an email to WC members to ask for volunteers for this position.

5. Christmas (Nativity) 2014 schedule

a. WC considered whether or not to move up the 12am Christmas mass start time.

b. WC will look at the midnight mass times for other area churches.

c. The final recommendation will be made at the September meeting.

D. Thickness of Hosts

1. WC is looking into changing the current hosts used at mass.

2. Issues with the current hosts include the following:

a. They are not easily portable. Space is an issue when ministering to the sick.

b. Some people have commented the hosts are difficult to chew.

c. They are not easily stored in the tabernacle.

3. Jeremy will bring sample hosts to the September meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Stephen Ministry will present at the September WC meeting.

B. Items introduced by members

1. There was a suggestion to try and move people from the gathering space into church during mass.

VII. Closing Prayer

A. Alan said the closing prayer.

B. Roseanne adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm and, Margy seconded.