

Worship Commission

Minutes of Meeting February 24, 2015

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

Members Absent: Margy Reagan and Alan Wilson

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

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

Guests: Ministry Leaders – Amy Sejas and Elizabeth Conner (*Altar Servers*), Helen Mondri (*Handbells*), Linda Rikas and Dave and Mary Ann Ellerbrock (*EMHC*)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Lois opened with prayer at 7:06 pm.
- II. Formation Discussion
 - A. Mass is full of Scripture against claims that Catholics do not read the Bible.
 - B. As Catholics, we have reclaimed our foundation in Scripture.
 - C. The homily is a gift of practical application to help us live out Scripture.
 - D. The homily ties all of the readings together.
 - E. Scripture is Mass- based.
 - F. How might a visitor to St. Max judge the value we place on Scripture?
 1. The book of the Gospel
 2. The Gospel procession
 3. Singing psalms
 4. Children's Liturgy of the Word
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - A. Katie will make a few corrections.
 - B. Mary motioned to approve, and Debby seconded.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. There were small numbers reported on the National Day of Penance. The chapel will be used, instead of the church, going forward.
 - B. Is there a way to improve involvement and promotion for National Day of Penance?
 - C. The Bible study group will donate funds to purchase fabric to adorn the altar at Christmas.
 - D. The 2015 Paschal Passport is geared toward Kindergarten thru 3rd graders. There is a digital version available for middle school kids.
 - E. There has been no feedback on the worship aid announcements.
 - F. New server albs will be purchased rather than hand-made.
- V. Leadership Discernment Spring 2015 Update

- A. Worship Commission members recommended increasing WC to 12 members.
- B. Current members will be asked to nominate 3 people each to help increase interest.
- C. Do we need to better educate parishioners on the expectations and time commitment required?

VI. Continuing Business/Projects

A. Items related to WC from January PC Meeting

- 1. Faith Alliance, an association of all Christian denominations in the local area, was present.
- 2. A consultant for the expansion project also spoke.
- 3. St. Max received permission from the Archbishop to use the extra funds donated during the Capital Campaign.
- 4. Stewardship renewal and leadership discernment will be combined in 2015, so the leadership discernment timeline has changed.

B. Job Description Review

- 1. Debby and Jeremy will make a few small changes to the current descriptions.
- 2. Ministry leaders will let Jeremy know of any changes for individual descriptions by March 17.
- 3. Is it possible to quantify time commitments for each ministry on a weekly/monthly basis?
- 4. WC also needs hand bell, adoration, and baptism preparation job descriptions.

C. Dress Guidelines – How is it going? What has been the response?

- 1. Reminders for ministers to review the dress code are helpful, especially during the warmer months.
- 2. Consistent dress-code violations will be handled on a one-on-one basis.
- 3. Ministry leaders will address during training sessions for their ministries.

D. Brainstorm On Activities That Can Take Place In A Chapel, Community Room, Or Both

- 1. There are several activities that can take place in both a Chapel and community room.
- 2. WC discussed the potential formality of a community room in determining whether or not some Chapel activities could be held there.

E. Holy Hour – Ministries Helping One Time Of The Year

- 1. WC would like to invite each ministry to sponsor a Holy Hour in 2015.
- 2. Jeremy will send out invitations to ministry leaders.
- 3. Ministry leaders would be asked to encourage members to attend or hand out programs, etc.

F. Discussion Of Closing Pews – How does that affect the liturgical ministries and congregation?

1. WC would like to get ministry leader feedback on this issue.

2. WC will discuss further at a future meeting.

G. Fellowship Weekends – opportunity to serve and promote your ministry

1. St. Max ministries are invited to sponsor fellowship weekends (i.e. donut Sunday) to help highlight ministry.

2. There is a small time commitment, but multiple ministries can partner together to sponsor a fellowship Sunday.

H. Parishioners With Special Needs

1. WC is asking ministry leaders to help invite special needs families to participate in ministry.

2. Jeremy is checking with a sign language interpreter to sign on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and during one First Communion Mass.

VII. Closing Prayer – Lois

1. Lois closed the meeting with prayer at 9:13 pm.

2. Roseanne motioned to close the meeting, and Steve seconded.