

## **Worship Commission**

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday January 6, 2015

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

**Members Absent:** Alan Wilson, Mary Green, and Margy Reagan

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

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

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other
  - A. Steve opened with prayer at 7:04 pm.
- II. Formation Discussion – *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*
  - A. Sacramentality is underdeveloped and misunderstood.
    1. Some lay persons have little understanding of the roots of the sacraments.
    2. Gaining understanding of the sacraments changes our worldview.
  - B. Everything under God's creation can be saved.
    1. Does transubstantiation change the profane into the sacred?
    2. Can all things be considered good in some way?
  - C. We are called to bring Christ's presence to the world rather than being escapists.
  - D. What signs and rituals do we incorporate in our daily lives?
    1. Some make the sign of cross when passing the tabernacle.
    2. Some pray the rosary.
    3. Some read and study scripture daily.
  - E. Receiving Communion under fuller form makes us more complete.
    1. In some parishes the chalice is not offered during all Masses.
    2. This is not the case at St. Max.
  - F. Communion from the tabernacle is different than Communion from the altar.
    1. Communion from the altar is our offering here and now.
  - G. There is a disconnect between Communion offering and congregation.
    1. We have a hard time feeling connection to offerings during Mass.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  1. Katie will make a few corrections.
  2. Debby approved, and Roseanne seconded.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
  1. There have not been enough liturgical ministers signing up in advance for Masses like Christmas, etc.
    - a. Holy days are typically not assigned.
    - b. There is still a need for hospitality greeter signups.
    - c. Jeremy has started keeping track of which ministers signed up same day for holy days, in order to reach out to them the following year via email.

- d. How do we build a greater culture of accountability among liturgical ministers?
2. St. Max will continue to have 3 Masses for the Solemnity of Mary on January 1st, with no 8AM Mass.
3. There is talk about adding a 6:30AM liturgy during Lent on Wednesdays.
  - a. If this is done, we may also add a 6:30am Mass on Ash Wednesday.
4. St. Max is one of the few parishes which celebrates anniversary couples on the Sunday nearest their anniversary during Mass.

## V. Continuing Business/Projects

### A. Advent/Christmas Evaluation

1. The longer pause between the readings and psalm was effective to show Advent as a time of waiting.
2. Nothing during this time was fundamentally different than in past years.
3. The new vestments offset church décor, like the poinsettias, very well.
4. The holly bushes were very simple but very appropriate.
5. There are many ways Advent and Easter are tied, but how can we better make that connection known during the Advent season?
6. There is also a need to remind parishioners the importance of staying to the end of Mass.

### B. Campus Planning

1. The campus planning surveys were to get an idea of parish priorities.
  - a. The gathering space was voted a high priority.
  - b. Debt payoff was also a legitimate concern.
2. The Campus Planning Committee met on 1/7 to discuss the survey results.
3. Father Geoff met with the Archbishop on 1/15 regarding the capital campaign.
4. WC needs to discuss the current chapel issue further.
  - a. There are not enough people with chapel experience to see the need for a larger space.
  - b. WC will compile a list of things that can be done in a weekday chapel as well as a list of things that can be done in a non-chapel space that holds 150-200 people.

### C. Good Friday Liturgy Schedule

1. WC elected to keep two liturgies on Good Friday because of high past attendance to both.
2. The liturgy times will also remain the same as in past years.
3. Stations of the Cross will be held at 9:30 am outside on Good Friday. The church will serve as a backup location in the event of inclement weather.

## VI. New Business

### A. Guidelines for Group Presentations to WC

1. Send Debby an email to add items to the WC meeting agenda.

### B. Items Introduced by WC Members

1. Going forward, should WC have 12 members instead of 9?
2. Should members leaving term early be replaced immediately or during term changes in May?

## VII. Closing Prayer

A. Steve closed the meeting with prayer at 9:13 pm.