

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

Worship Commission

Minutes of Meeting April 30, 2012

Members present: Gerri Walsh, Pam Bange, Michelle Mort, Neil Bambrick, Joy De Nicola, Rose Wiedenmann, Hans Schade

Members Absent: Patrick Drumm

Ex-Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes

Guests: parishioners discerning for Worship Commission

- I. Gerri Walsh welcomed all, especially those who are prayerfully discerning their call to this commission, and opened with moment of silence for Pat McKenna at 7:08 pm, followed by prayer.
- II. Rose Wiedenmann's name was corrected on the meeting minutes form 3/26/2012. A motion to adopt as revised was moved by Pam Bange, seconded by Joy DeNicola.
- III. "Formation 15": Reflections on documents on preparing youth for liturgy, and preparing liturgy for youth. Some focus items from document were increased emphasis on liturgical catechesis over the coming year, and reflecting on the notion of living the Eucharist daily so we can celebrate it more deeply on Sundays. It was noted that the faith formation staff meets monthly, and that the PALM would join them at their June meeting to assist in crafting what they provide to the youth so this message is reflected well.
- IV. PALM Pastoral Associate Report
 - a. Questions raised on moving ministry scheduling to a quarterly basis from its current ~2 month cycle were centered mostly on whether people truly knew their availability that far in advance.
 - b. Several comments about the timing of the Preparation Rite
 - c. Group welcomed the joint work with Mike Dailey at St. John – bridging parochial boundaries was seen as a "plus".
 - d. Much positive feedback on "Include Me" ministry at the 12 o'clock mass, including recent article in Catholic Telegraph (<http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/include-me-ministry-helps-families-worship-together/7303>). Note was made that EMs for this mass have been specially trained, and that so far attendees have been families who have

children with special needs. Big questions facing us in the future is what we might need to consider if this ministry gets so large that we outpace the ability of the Conference Room to accommodate those participating.

- e. Coordinator succession still needed for servers, lectors, and arts & environment, but names had been submitted for the former two.
- f. Jeremy updated the group that six high school ministers are now slated to participate in LAUDATE; four had been mentioned in the PALM report.
- g. Question on why we have planned two Confirmation liturgies (Nov 9, 2012 and April 19, 2013, both with Bishop Binzer) was that we for the first time have moved to two preparation tracks to accommodate families who have interference in their schedules for the fall sessions. There was no defined expectation of what the split might be like between the two.

V. Lenten Reflections

- a. Wonderful discussions on transformational connections (e.g. Stations), with a common consensus of a more hopeful message in general this year. Focus on LENT acronym was good, as was preaching by deacons. One common feedback from several sources was that parishioners were divided on the issues of too much new music (although it was pointed out that sometimes it is new text for familiar tunes, not “new music”), and the split between women and men in verses.
- b. One challenge posed to WC was the question of how often we “canvas” the congregation for liturgical feedback. The idea is for WC to discuss the issues with parishioners, then filter them through the lens of our collective knowledge.

VI. Prior Business

- a. Chapel update: modified document to be sent by PALM to PC. All input was to be received by 5/4/2012. “Townhall meetings” on this issue will need to be advertized, and catechesis on the subject will need to be conducted.
- b. Leadership Renewal Process: Nominations process went generally without a hitch. Thanks to Pam Bange for all her work. Next step will be on 5/12, when those currently discerning will need to give their decision on whether to continue through to Pentecost.
- c. Long Range Planning: no update to report from PC.
- d. Item 5d (Ministry age requirements) was tabled to the May meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. Youth member on WC – bylaws to be reviewed. . A WC charter amendment was moved by Rose W, seconded by Joy DeN. Also, question of chair eligibility – it was suggested that WC follow the PC model here. A concurrent charter review was moved by Pam B, seconded by Hans S. Both of these will be assigned at the next meeting.
- b. Annual day of reflection: PALM still booking a date

- c. Question of when WC should meet in future. Monday nights are bad for a number of reasons. Strong initial consensus by group was to move the meeting to Thursday nights. All were asked to send Gerri an e-mail with their preference: remain on Monday, or move to Thursday?
- d. Question of how often WC mailbox available through website had received "hits" in past year. Answer was four times.

VIII. Closing prayer led by Rose
Motion to adjourn made by Joy DeNicola . 2nd by Michelle Mort. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting is Monday May 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Hans Schade on May 15, 2012