

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

Worship Commission

Minutes of Meeting May 21, 2012

Members present: Gerri Walsh, Pam Bange, Michelle Mort, Rose Wiedenmann, Hans Schade

Members Absent: Joy De Nicola, Patrick Drumm, Neil Bambrick

Ex-Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes

- I. Gerri Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm, followed by ***Opening Prayer and Reflections***, led by Hans.
- II. A motion to adopt the meeting minutes from 4/30/2012 without revisions was moved by Pam Bange, seconded by Rose Wiedenmann.
- III. "Formation 15": Reflections on the Presentation of Gifts. One question discussed was that of second collections, which was acknowledged to be difficult in times of increased ETF use. The question of stated cause for a second collection also was brought up, as was the fact that it is not simple to have a second collection cause actively in the conscience of parishioners ahead of mass. The pros and cons of scheduling gift presenters were discussed, as was offering bread and wine only first and then having the money collection "come later. The symbolism of the collection as an offering "for cause" in mass as opposed to having a collection mechanism in the gathering space were pondered. One suggestion was to have a basket with a symbolic offering (e.g. tithed amount, symbolic envelopes) be part of the procession in order not to upset the balance of mass. The presentation of the bread and wine as offering works of human hands was seen as primary. The commission was asked to continue to reflect on this topic and return to it at a future brainstorming session (what do we do, what do others do?)
- IV. ***PALM Pastoral Associate Report***
 - a. As customary, Jeremy invited questions/comments on the PALM report provided.
 - b. In the third bullet point under liturgical celebrations, there was a subsequent correction. Fr. Geoff and Jeremy decided to scale back the opening for the USCCB's Fortnight for Freedom in lieu of 40 hours to an evening mass (7PM?) on 6/21, followed by exposition and benediction at midnight.

- c. With the arrival of Fr. Lee as of July 1, morning masses will also take place on Mondays and Saturdays
- d. Liturgical ministers update: potential lector and server coordinators have stepped forward and are discerning; they were get back to Jeremy by the end of May.
- e. Suggestions for liturgical catechesis – WC members are asked to e-mail Jeremy with ideas. Eucharist and Eucharistic spirituality were to be the focus items from June through the end of ordinary time. One suggestion was to put the liturgical catechesis writings on the website, perhaps under the category “About Worship”
- f. Ministry Scheduling every 3 months – this is a go, we are live! Stay tuned ... we’ll give this a go. There still are issues with ministers not providing their availability on a timely basis. Schedule will go June 18 through the end of August. Note: some parishes schedule as far as one year out!
- g. Jeremy is talking to the Bereavement Committee about the evening service for All Souls Day. Stay tuned
- h. Similarly, a move is being considered to change the mass date set aside for prayers for all deceased all parishioners, family members and/or friends. Currently, this occurs on the 3rd Friday of month. The thought is to make it on the 3rd Saturday, with the Bereavement Committee perhaps having some type of help session and/or small reception afterwards.

V. **Prior Business**

- a. Charter changes – as discussed in part at the last meeting, there will be a common charter for all commissions. This will be implemented through PC. The current WC charter can be found at http://www.saint-max.org/Portals/0/Forms/Worship/wc_charter.pdf
- b. Discernment Process: the committee recognized the excellent job by Pam to coordinate the efforts on this, which culminated in 12 people discerning to have their names included in the basket for WC. PC had 16 people discern. Pam was asked to put bullet points together on the process.
- c. It was seen as tremendously helpful that the introductory e-mail for those discerning came from Jeremy. The parish brand name became a good means of discussion. It was suggested that for next year, the initial contact e-mail would come from worship@saint-max.org, indicating that the individuals were nominated and would be contacted shortly by a WC member.

VI. **New Business**

- a. Worship Commission will continue to meet on Mondays in 2012/2013.
- b. Process points for 2012/2013 discernment –future steps will have joint information sessions on two nights, followed by break-out sessions by the various commissions discerning. This would allow not only minimal need for booking rooms, but also provide flexibility for parishioners who may be discerning more than one commission nomination. Staff will pick some dates.

- a. Gerri will e-mail a list of chair duties of the 2nd and 3rd year members eligible to head the WC next year.
- b. Annual day of reflection for parish leadership: this is set for August 25th, topic/speaker TBD.
- c. A parishioner sent a letter addressed to WC, Fr. Geoff, and Jeremy Helmes. WC was provided with a response penned by Fr. Geoff, and agreed with the comments Father was sending back to the parishioners.
- d. Sat., October 13 – reflection event for liturgical ministers. Jeremy looked for suggestions for a theme for this event. Question for the group to ponder for this event: what would liturgical ministers like to reflect upon? Topics suggested included (a) Eucharistic spirituality, (b) hospitality and liturgical ministers, or (c) the New Evangelization. Hans was to provide Jeremy with a review of the lineamenta for the bishops' synod on the New Evangelization in Rome in the fall of 2012. Can any or all of these be melded?
- e. Gerri will attend PC meeting on 5/30. The plan was to present the chapel modification suggestions¹.

VII. **Closing Prayer** was led by Hans

Motion to adjourn made by Hans, seconded by Pam. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Next Meeting is Monday June 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by Hans Schade on June 18, 2012

¹ Subsequently, this was tabled to the next PC meeting at the request of Mark Bange, current PC president.