

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship Commission
Minutes of Meeting August 25, 2015

Members Present: Steve Szczap (Chair), Mary Green, Margy Reagan, Lois Latzy, Darlene Lewis, Paul Von Erden, Bridget Dreher, Beth Brink, Mike Gardner, Michelle Meyer

Members Absent: Dominic Iannarino, Steve D. Lutz

Ex Officio Present: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor), Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate) and John Stengel (Recording Sec.)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Margy opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 PM.
 - A. Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life and Prayer to the Holy Spirit

- II. Introduction to 2015-2016 Worship Commission Membership
 - A. Steve outlined the important role of the WC representing the parish in all things worship.
 - B. Responsible for establishing vision and setting calendar.
 - C. Looking forward with plans for the future, and looking rearward to evaluate the liturgy and past celebrations.
 - D. Offer support for all areas of the liturgy and all ministers involved in the liturgy.
 - E. Introduction of Members
 1. Welcome to incoming members and brief introductions by all members to get to know each other a little better.

- III. Formation Introduction – “The Church of Mercy”
 - A. Will begin meeting reflections at September meeting. Readings and reflections will follow the published formation schedule.

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2015.
 - A. Steve had four corrections to the minutes. John will make changes.
 - B. Steve motioned to approve, Mary seconded.

- V. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Mass 101 attendance was low. Last one offered in the middle of summer. In the coming year we will seek sponsoring groups to be the “seed audience” to help with attendance.
 - B. Suggestion for missals in the pews instead of the paper worship aids. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

- VI. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from August PC Meeting – Steve & Lois
 1. Difficult to get people involved, and it is the same people who are always involved, but parish is very lively.
 2. Fr. Geoff would like all council members to attend One Faith One Hope town meetings.
 3. Chuck Ciccia is the new E&C Chair. Linda Lippman is retiring from her position as Early Childhood RFY Coordinator.
 4. With the departure of Fr. Matt, we will not have a Parochial Vicar until new assignments next summer.
 - B. 2015-2016 WC Signups for Prayer and PC
 1. Praying for Finance Council in August, Pastoral Council in September.
 2. Dominic will lead September WC prayer.
 - C. Eucharistic-Centered Task Force
 1. Task force will be looking at new initiatives for the parish to fulfill our mission and become more “Eucharistic Centered”.
 2. Desire with E&C and WC to have 1-2 members on the task force.
 3. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to be on the task force for 12-18 months so that we can coordinate any changes. The scope of this has not yet been decided.

D. Weekday Day Mass Schedule

1. Good response to the survey. However, with the departure of Fr. Matt, an additional morning Mass is not feasible.
2. During Lent we will offer a 6:30 AM Mass once a week. On Holy Days we will offer a 6:30 AM Mass in addition to 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM.

E. Bread of Life Discourse Evaluation

1. Unique experience to have 5 weeks tied together. Having the homilies available online was a valuable resource. Mary pointed out that referring back to the previous weeks homily helped those who may have missed a week or were visiting feel a part of the series.
2. Overwhelming support for the series and support for exploring opportunities for additional series.
3. Fr. Geoff pointed out the Bible does have sections that would tie together which are not found in the lectionary. Preaching on the Eucharistic Prayers would be another possibility.
4. Clergy learned they should start much earlier on preparation.

F. Considerations for Use of Guest Preachers

1. Tabled until a later meeting.

G. Liturgical Ministers Dress Guideline Feedback

1. After discussion of guideline language and enforcement procedures, it was decided that no changes are needed and we will continue with the current policy.

H. Adoration Chapel

1. Fr. Geoff discussed the fact that the Tabernacle in the chapel is not currently prominent and focused. The Tabernacle needs to stay in the chapel and moving it into church is not an option. He feels the best option is to move it to the center of the chapel, and since it will not be visible from church, something should be done in church to make it obvious where the Tabernacle is located.
2. The previous work and drawings are excellent and seem to be the best course of action. Everyone should read the previous proposals, and any interim changes should move in the direction of the permanent plan.
3. This conversation will be ongoing. We may consider reopening some of the previous work, or leave the previous plan as it has been proposed.

VII. New Business

A. Suggestion for praying the Prayer for Vocations more often during Mass.

1. Prayer for Vocations is now prayed on Sundays divisible by 5 and several other special Sundays through out the year.

VIII. Closing Prayer led by Margy

A. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)