

Worship Commission

March 24, 2014 Minutes

Members Present:

Debby Kellner, Margy Reagan, Mary Green, Diane Ruder, Mike Lux

Ex Officio – Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate), Katie Giblin (Recording Secretary)

Members Absent:

Alan Wilson, Rose Wiedenmann, Roseanne Cannon

Ex Officio – Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer led by Debby. The focus is on praying for other St. Max groups.
- II. Parish Mission Statement read by Debby.
- III. Formation Twenty Discussion
 - a. New Evangelization book, chapter 5
 - b. Focus on how Jesus reaches people thru the sacraments
 - c. As Catholics, the Eucharist sets us apart.
 1. Need for enhancement of liturgical minister training
 2. As a community, we are the one body of Christ.
 - d. To understand religion is to have an encounter with God.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
-moved to April 2014 meeting
- V. Special Presentation: Liturgy & Inclusion – Dory Schade
 - a. Inclusion in Faith Communities
 1. Inclusion of those with disabilities in liturgy – disability advocacy
 2. Initial focus on getting children with special needs involved in Mass and with volunteer opportunities (i.e – fish fry, festival)
 3. Asking young adult groups to pair with special needs children to help further ministry
 - b. Raising Awareness of Inclusion Program at St. Max
 1. How do we target special needs families in the St. Max community?
 - i. Parish bulletin insert
 - ii. Email survey sent to registered families
 - c. Potential Reach of Inclusion Program
 1. Expansion of program to include all age groups
 2. Expansion of program to include all types of disabilities

- d. June follow-up on program progress
- VI. Pastoral Associate Report
- Goal for 2014 to get more 4 and 5 year old children involved in Mass.
 - a. Feast of Presentation of the Lord on Feb 2nd – 4 and 5 year-olds carried candles
 - b. Palm Sunday Procession – children will be involved based on success of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- VII. Continuing Business/Projects
- a. Items related to WC from March PC Meeting
 - 1. Proposal to replace kneelers sent.
 - 2. Ministry leaders trouble following up for volunteering
 - 3. Patty Harkin working with Rose on coordination of meeting for pastoral discernment process.
 - b. Housekeeping - Stations of the Cross April 4th, meeting dates
 - 1. Debby is working with Gerri Walsh for volunteers for Stations of the Cross.
 - 2. Motion to move June meeting date – will follow-up
 - 3. Meetings will move to 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning in August.
- VIII. Volunteer appreciation for long-term St. Max help
- a. 700 volunteers within liturgical ministries
 - b. Each quadrant needs to figure out how to show appreciation for their areas – need to involve ministry leaders
 - c. Need to consider budget
 - d. Need to consider some parity between the quadrants
- IX. Parishioner Expectations/ Commitment (What do we believe the purpose of the liturgy to be?)
- a. “WE” statement versus “I” statement for parishioner expectations
 - b. Jeremy will draft up some statements for review.
- X. ASL interpreting
- a. St. Max will continue with 3rd Sunday of each month for 2014.
 - b. Special masses such as Christmas, Easter, and 1st Communion also considered for 2014.
 - c. Jeremy will work with Sheri Barksdale on dates for the rest of 2014.
 - d. Program itself will take time to grow in community, since it is so new.
- XI. Discussion about closing sections of pews for some masses
- a. Current issue with congregation spread over church during least attended masses, like 8 AM Sunday
 - 1. Difficult to preach

2. Challenges with communion distribution

- b. Is roping off some sections of pews a way to bring congregation together?
 - 1. People are resistant to change in their usual seats.
 - 2. It might make the church seem “unwelcoming.”
 - 3. There are other ways to encourage people to move closer together.
 - i. Statement in bulletin
 - ii. Signage without ropes
- c. Will continue to research and discuss at future meetings

XII. Closing prayer led by Debby.

Reminders April 2 PC meeting, large conference room

Next WC meeting April 28; leading prayer - Mike