

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship Commission
Minutes of Meeting October 27, 2015

Members Present: Steve Szczap (Chair), Lois Latzy, Paul Von Erden, , Beth Brink, Mike Gardner, Michelle Meyer, Dominic Iannarino, Steve D. Lutz, Darlene Lewis,

Members Absent: Mary Green, Bridget Dreher, Margy Reagan

Ex Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate) and John Stengel (Recording Sec.)

Ex Officio Absent: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other – Paul opened the meeting with prayer at 7:03
- II. Formation – “The Church of Mercy” – Chapters 11-12
 - A. Guided by the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis guided by the spirit. He thinks the Church is not called to be legalistic.
 - B. Allow Holy Spirit to guide us to give us true freedom.
 - C. Spirit is in our heart. Given to us in baptism. It is the Holy Spirit that constantly urges us to the liturgy.
 - D. When you accept the Holy Spirit it is a way of life and you feel badly when you do not live that way of life.
 - E. Reading Holy Scripture engraves God’s word in our heart.
 - F. How many people pray directly to the Holy Spirit? Holy Spirit working independently in our lives pointing us to the Father.
 - G. Pope Francis says that everything does not have to be the same to have unity. It can be messy. The spirit allows for diversity based on truth. We do not need “sameness” to have harmony.
 - H. Next meeting Part 4 13-17
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2015.
 - A. Steve motioned to approve. Lois/Mike second. Approved with changes
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Steve mentioned the annual Memorial Mass is a real blessing and the monthly Mass is gaining traction.
 - B. Current altar bread is the preferred. Some concern for the sick about thinner hosts. There are thinner pieces in the ciborium from the large hosts. Do we need to have some thinner hosts for the hospital care ministry? Jeremy to explore the logistics of having some thinner hosts available in the ciborium.
 - C. Lessons and Carols will be at St Max this year.
 - D. Meetings were held with altar servers. Amy met with 60 of the 85 servers. Question of do we tell the ones who were unable to attend they cannot serve for a while? Amy trying to decide the best course of action.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from October PC Meeting
 - i. No one attended PC meeting last month due to a mix up. It was a short meeting so nothing to report.
 - B. Committee Membership Finalization
 - i. Michelle, Mike, Darlene on Chapel committee
 - ii. Eucharistic Task Force – Paul, Beth
 - C. . Committee Reports - going forward only a few minutes will be allocated on the agenda.
 - i. Eucharistic-Centered Task Force
 1. Working on populating task force from other commissions. Jeremy will set up meeting once the task force is populated.
 2. Steve working on getting other commission members for the committee. He is talking to Outreach and Stewardship.
 3. Once things get going maybe each commission takes a topic for a meeting. Task Force will look at the parish in its entirety on how well we are meeting our parish mission of being Eucharistic Centered.
 4. Working on getting the task force started and chartered this year.

- ii. Leadership Discernment – Lois, Dominic
 - 1. Dates are set until 2020
 - 2. Pastoral Council leading this. Nothing expected to happen until after Christmas.
- iii. Campus Plan – Steve Lutz
 - 1. Need to articulate our needs on what we need to use the new space for, and present our needs to the architect for design.
 - 2. Questions on the space and how many people need to be accommodated. Jeremy stated we would need to seat 200 for use as a day chapel for daily Mass. If we cannot accommodate 200 then the space could be used as a multipurpose room. The architect would have to look at the available square footage and determine how many could be seated in the space. WC members should look at the February-March documents for an idea grid.
 - 3. How would a new chapel affect the use and plans of the current chapel?
 - 4. How would expanding the gathering space impact worship? WC will need to look at these implications.
- iv. Adoration Chapel – Mike
 - 1. Fr. Geoff mentioned possible changes to the Archbishop who wants to hear more and discuss. Fr. Geoff will get an appointment with the Archbishop in November. Fr. Geoff asked that we hold on this until after this meeting. Archbishop just wants to hear more, and his thoughts would be very helpful.
 - 2. Mike suggested that the committee still meet and discuss some ideas.
 - 3. Committee should work on the conspicuous nature of the location of the Tabernacle.

D. Advent/Christmas Preview – Steve

- i. Last years minutes had 6 things evaluated.
- ii. Greeters for the Gym.
- iii. Gifts – maybe just candy canes for the kids and not a gift like the book last year with the idea of doing more at Easter time. This is not handled by WC.
- iv. We will continue longer pauses during Mass and no singing for the procession of ministers with a hymn after communion.
- v. New music during Christmastide Communion processional.
- vi. We are already doing a lot of things for Advent/Christmas. Just some subtle changes.
- vii. What do you need to hear during Advent in the homily?
- viii. We will discuss Lent at the next meeting since there will be no December meeting.

E. Leadership Exercise – Jeremy

- i. Hand out – Will not discuss at tonight’s meeting.
- ii. We will do this group discernment at the next meeting.
 - 1. Allows the Spirit to work in discerning new leadership.

F. Liturgical Ministers Appreciation

- i. Talked about last year and budgeted \$1,000 for appreciation for this year.
- ii. Ideas of a gathering, last year same conversation was held. A gift seems the most feasible.
- iii. After a discussion of ideas, including a picture of the Christmas Mass and giving the money to a charity, it was decided that the spirit of the money was intended to be a gift to the ministers.
- iv. Steve, Jeremy, and staff will look into some items and come up with a gift that ministers could pick up or would be mailed to those who do not pick up their gift.

VI. New Business

A. Ad hoc Committee “MAP” Form

- i. Quarterly pastoral roundtable idea.
- ii. Form to fill out for ministry.
- iii. Further discussion at a later time.

B. Weekly Fellowship

- i. Idea of fellowship every week where each commission takes a month.
- ii. Lots of logistical questions concerning the use of the gathering space and its impact on the ability of ministries to use the space after Mass.
- iii. WC will have to react if it is decided to move ahead with this plan.

- VII. Closing Prayer led by Paul
 - A. Meeting adjourned at 9:26.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)