

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship Commission
Minutes of Meeting February 23, 2016

Members Present: Steve Szczap (Chair), Lois Latzy, Michelle Meyer, Mary Green, Margy Reagan, Dominic Iannarino, Beth Brink, Darlene Lewis, Mike Gardner

Members Absent: Paul Von Erden, Steve D. Lutz, Bridget Dreher

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 – Darlene opened at 7:04 PM
- II. Formation – “The Church of Mercy” – Chapters 22-24
 - A. Priests serving with humility and walking with the people. Priests already serving right after ordination by offering blessings.
 - B. Pope Frances reflects on how priests need to be pastors of their people and not functionaries and managers. Priests must meet and walk with the people and be near them. Priests need to have a sense of humor.
 - C. Priests must be mediators and not become intermediaries and middle managers. They must go out of themselves and go out among the people taking into account people’s feelings.
 - D. Priests and bishops need to be good shepherds being humble and mixing it up with the people.
 - E. Priests must go out and serve the people. Their only focus cannot be on soul searching and introspection, but they must “go out” to serve.
 - F. Must find balance. Cannot be all Martha or all Mary.
 - G. Next Time – Chapters 25-28
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2016.
 - A. Approved as amended.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Presider’s chair and side chairs finished with exception of waiting on some additional fabric.
 - B. Some original fabric was found at St Max and was used for the side chairs. There will be a plaque placed under the presider’s chair recognizing the donors and craftsmen of the chairs.
 - C. Due to low numbers participating in all-day Exposition during the National Day of Penance, in 2017 Exposition will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
 - D. SGCS annual Catholic Schools Week Mass was held at St Max on Thursday Feb 4th. Many nice compliments on the music. Thanks to Mary Ella.
 - E. There were 23 people at 6:30 AM Mass last week. Working on getting the word out to neighboring parishes. St. Johns & St. Susanna should be putting our 6:30 AM Mass time in their bulletins.
 - F. Ministry coordinators working with Mary Ella on schedules for Palm Sunday and the Paschal Triduum.
 - G. Asking for a WC member to be part of the interview and audition process to replace Mary Ella.
 - H. The plan is to interview 3-5 people after going through resumes.
 - I. Jeremy looking for a great musician. The ideal person would also be able to lead the children’s & cherub choirs. However, Jeremy would be willing to lead these choirs if someone fills our other needs but is lacking experience with the children’s programs.
 - J. Will advertise the position far and wide.
 - K. Part of the selection process will include having the candidates work with the choirs.
 - L. It will be difficult seeing Mary Ella leave.
 - M. One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign
 - i. St. Max will do the campaign within the campaign.
 - ii. The campaign consultants think a definite plan needs to be in place to present to parishioners.
 - iii. Initial architectural drawings are in the works.
 - iv. Building will take place in 2 phases.
 - v. Phase 1 will be an expansion of the gathering space and construction of a new day chapel to accommodate 175-200 people.
 - vi. Phase 2 will be an expansion of the kitchen and construction of more rooms in front of the gym. These rooms will be able to open up into one large meeting room.
 - vii. Consultant’s projection is to raise 3.5 – 4 million dollars.

- viii. WC will need to be involved in various aspects of the planning.
- ix. Preference will be for chairs in the chapel versus pews for the most flexibility in utilizing this space.
- x. These plans will not affect the plan to remodel the current Reservation Chapel.
- xi. "Built of Living Stones" should be read by all WC members in order to gain a better understanding of how church buildings and spaces play a part in the liturgy and worship.
- xii. Naming of the Reservation Chapel and the new day chapel will be a consideration.

V. Continuing Business/Projects

- A. Items related to WC from February PC Meeting - Darlene
 - i. Darlene mentioned the WC discussions of the Red Booklets and also discussed the Ministry Leaders Luncheon.
 - ii. Topic of the carpet in church and removal of some pews from church was discussed. When the carpet is changed in church something needs to be done with the choir area.
- B. Steve S. thinks WC needs to be more a part of the Include Me! Ministry. Jeremy suggested WC should invite Debi LaFrankie to a WC meeting to see how things are going and if they need anything from WC.
- C. Jeremy discussed no worship aids in the "cry room". Jeremy feels they need to stay in the pews, because everyone should start in church as the Body of Christ. If you have to go to the back with young children so be it, but we should all start in church. Everyone knows where to find the worship aids if they would like one.
- D. Committee Reports
 - i. Eucharistic-Centered Task Force
 - 1. Nothing new to report. Jeremy has heard from two of the other commissions feeling that there is too much else going on right now.
 - 2. Steve S. feels that maybe we should table the commission for right now. Jeremy agrees and will discuss this with other pastoral associates.
 - 3. Jeremy thinks Steve S. should email the other chairs expressing this idea.
 - 4. We must remember that with all that is going on we need to remain Eucharistic centered.
 - ii. Leadership Discernment
 - 1. WC will need three new members to replace the three that are leaving this year.
 - 2. Next year we will need to adjust the number. The goal is to get it to the point of four new members per year to maintain twelve members.
 - 3. Dominic reported that in total there is a need for 22-25 new commission members this year for all the commissions.
 - 4. The first bulletin announcement will be in the April 2/3 bulletin.
 - 5. April 16/17 will be handing out the nomination forms.
 - 6. Large conference room will be used this year for discernment meetings along with several smaller classrooms for individual meetings.
 - 7. May 21st Fr. Geoff will be making selections.
 - 8. All current commission members are encouraged to nominate 2 people for discernment.
 - 9. Discernment meetings will be held Saturday May 7th, Thursday May 12th and Sunday May 15th.
 - 10. WC will need 2-3 WC members to staff each meeting to answer questions.
 - 11. Dominic reported the committee discussed putting together a script to help people making phone calls.
 - iii. Campus Plan
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - 2. Next meeting is February 25th.
 - iv. Adoration Chapel
 - 1. Working on getting 2-3 members of the Archdiocesan Arts & Environment sub-committee to meet with our sub-committee to talk about changes.
 - 2. The current Adoration Chapel will still be used as the Reservation Chapel after construction of the new day chapel.
 - 3. Design considerations for the current chapel should also be considered for the new chapel.
- E. FY2016-17 Budget
 - i. Need to add something to the budget to continue liturgical ministry appreciation.
 - ii. Jeremy will bring additions to the budget to the March meeting.

F. Ministry Leaders Luncheon Follow-up

- i. Steve S. will look at WC items.
- ii. Jeremy will look at other minister leader's issues.
- iii. Stewardship renewal will be pushed back to possibly the fall because of the capital campaign.
- iv. Possible topics for Homily series like last summer
 1. Homily series on adult catechesis.
 2. WC should re-articulate the value of the series.
 3. Many different topics are possible.

G. Pew Booklets

- i. The decision was made by Fr. Geoff not to put the readings in the pews. The Word should be heard.
- ii. "Sunday's Word" books are available in the back of church. Some weeks they are all gone, so we may need to buy more.
- iii. WC needs to decide what is needed in the pews.
- iv. Order of Mass – Included in the trifold, but not every single response.
- v. Steve thinks we need the Order of Mass with the priest's and people's parts
 1. Standard Liturgical Prayers and possibly the Vocations Prayer
 - a. Vocations Prayer will be in the trifold
 2. Looks like we are looking at a pew card.
 3. The pew card needs to have the Order of Mass and enough prompting and responses for someone who has not been to Mass for a while to have what they need to participate.
- vi. Jeremy will bring samples of pew cards to our next meeting.
- vii. Goal for next meeting is to decide what we are going to purchase and the cost.

H. Open of Lent Evaluation

- i. Be attentive and think about specifics to evaluate the liturgy during Lent.

VI. Closing Prayer led by Darlene

A. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM

Reminder: Next month the meeting is March 15th in rooms 2 & 3

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)