

Worship Commission

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Members Present: Debby Kellner (Chair), Roseanne Cannon, Lois Latzy, Patsy Starr, and Steve Szczap

Members Absent: Mary Green, Margy Reagan, Darlene Lewis, and Alan Wilson

Ex Officio Present: Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate) Katie Giblin (Recording Sec.)

Ex Officio Absent: Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other
 - A. Lois opened the meeting with prayer at 7:04pm.
 - B. This month WC is praying for Outreach. In December WC will pray for Parish Life and Stewardship.
- II. Formation Discussion – *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*
 - A. Paschal Mystery
 1. Prior to Vatican II, the liturgy was focused on Jesus' suffering and death.
 2. It is a reflection of the peaks and valleys of life.
 3. The mystical body of Christ is a whole church celebration with the living members and those who have been resurrected through Jesus.
 4. Through Mass, we are transported beyond the bounds of time to the foot of the cross, but we are also a part of the risen body of Christ.
 5. Jesus continues his work through priests and liturgical ministers.
 - a. Hymnal praise is an essential part of liturgy.
 - b. WC will discuss the possibility of finding a cantor for daily mass at a future meeting.
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - A. Katie will make a few changes.
 - B. Debby motioned to approve, and Jeremy seconded.
- IV. Pastoral Associate Report
 - A. Emails will be sent in phases to liturgical ministers to encourage volunteers to help greet, etc. during Advent.
 - B. There is still a need for a lead coordinator for the servers and lectors.
 - C. The book of prayer for the sick will now be a book for all prayer requests, and the book of the dead came out in November.
 - D. Attendance for all weekend masses held steady between 2013 and 2014.
 - E. There will be another learning session on the liturgical year in February.
- V. Continuing Business/Projects
 - A. Items related to WC from October PC meeting
 1. The upcoming Capital Campaign was discussed.
 2. The Campus Planning Committee still needs a representative from WC.
 3. Job descriptions for the parish web site will be reviewed and updated with liturgical ministers at the January meeting.
 - B. Ministry volunteer appreciation

1. How do we show appreciation for the 700 plus volunteers in the St. Max community?
 2. The WC deadline to submit an appreciation plan to the Leadership Roundtable is December.
 3. WC will send thank you cards with gift cards included to transitioning ministry coordinators, probably around October.
 4. WC will also look into sending Christmas ornaments to volunteer families for 2015.
 5. WC will ask ministry coordinators to be more expressive of gratitude.
- C. Thursday evening Holy Hour discussion
1. Holy Hours are based on four rotating themes.
 - a. peace
 - b. life
 - c. vocation
 - d. family
 2. WC is looking at ways to increase awareness and increase attendance to Holy Hour.
 - a. WC will consider inviting groups that regularly meet on Thursday night to attend Holy Hour as part of one of their meetings.
 - b. WC will consider inviting church groups related to the Holy Hour themes to sponsor or host.
 - c. WC will reach out to the perpetual adoration group.
 - d. WC will also put a note in the bulletin during the Advent prayer season.
 3. There is also the issue of whether or not the current Holy Hour agenda should be modified.
 - a. Should there be a cantor a few times per month?
 - b. Should the 30 minutes of silent prayer be changed?
 - c. Jeremy will ask the deacons who lead Vespers for opinions.
 4. WC will follow up on issues in six months.
- D. Chapel reconfiguration
1. The goal is to ensure the tabernacle is the focal point of the Chapel.
 2. The Eucharistic Chapel Task Force proposed reconfiguration in 2012.
 - a. The 2012 proposal needs to be reviewed, and WC has the following options:
 - i. WC can affirm the proposal.
 - ii. WC can modify the proposal.
 - iii. WC can create a new proposal.
 - iv. WC can throw out the proposal.
 3. Another possibility is to build a new chapel with the money from the upcoming Capital Campaign.
 - a. The proposed chapel would seat around 200 people.
 - b. The proposed chapel would be more centrally located.
 - c. The current chapel would then be used for either storage space or music rehearsals.
- E. Advent/Christmas/Epiphany party

1. The party is scheduled for 1/2/15.
2. Debby will send out the details in a future email.

VI. Closing Prayer

1. Lois closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:24pm.