

## **Worship Commission**

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2014

**Members Present:** Roseanne Cannon, Mary Green, Lois Latzy, Debby Kellner (Chair), Margy Reagan, Darlene Lewis, Steve Szczap, Patsy Starr

**Members Absent:** Alan Wilson

**Ex Officio Present:** Katie Giblin (Recording Sec.), Fr. Geoff Drew (Pastor)

**Ex Officio Absent:** Jeremy Helmes (Pastoral Associate)

- I. Opening Prayer/Praying for Each Other
  - A. Mary opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:01pm.
  - B. This month WC is praying for the evangelization and catechesis commission.
- II. Stephen Ministry Presentation
  - A. Chuck Michael from Stephen Ministry presented to WC.
    1. The main purpose of Stephen Ministry is to listen and walk with the burdened.
    2. Stephen Ministry is a non-denominational ministry.
      - a. St. Max has 23 Stephen Ministers caring for 30 care receivers.
      - b. St. Max has 10 persons in training who will be commissioned in March 2015.
      - c. The ministers work one on one with care receivers and must meet the following qualifications.
        - i. The ministers must be 18 years or older.
        - ii. The ministers must be called by the Holy Spirit.
        - iii. The ministers must complete 50 hours of training.
      - d. Stephen Ministers are called to maintain the confidentiality of their care receivers.
        - i. The ministers have regularly scheduled meetings with care receivers to provide support.
        - ii. The ministers pray for and with their care receivers.
        - iii. The time commitment for ministers is 2 years.
      - e. The ministry currently needs help to raise awareness and invite people to consider discernment.
- III. Formation Discussion – The Liturgical Reform Movement before the Council
  - A. Liturgical reform has been going on for decades, even back to the 1500s.
  - B. The focus of the liturgical movement is adapting the changeable parts of the liturgy in order to meet the contemporary needs of society.
  - C. Working on liturgical reformation helps form the hearts and minds of believers.
  - D. Preparing for Mass takes much time and effort .
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - A. Katie will make a few corrections.
  - B. Mary motioned to approve the September 2014 minutes, and Margy seconded.
- V. Pastoral Associate Report

- A. St. Max will offer a program in January 2015 called, "Mass 101."
    - 1. The program is intended for, but not limited to, families of those making their First Communion in 2015.
    - 2. It will be held on two consecutive Tuesday evenings.
  - B. Any questions on the October pastoral associate report should be emailed to Jeremy.
- VI. Continuing Business/Projects
- A. Items related to WC from the October PC Meeting
    - 1. The catholic survey for the parish will be delayed until January 2015 to give councils and commissions time to address their areas of expertise.
    - 2. WC job descriptions for the St. Max web site are complete but need to be reviewed.
    - 3. There was a reminder that Kroger rewards for the parish need to be updated annually.
  - B. Connecting with Ministry Leaders
    - 1. How can WC connect with parish ministry leaders?
      - a. Each commission is responsible for training ministry leaders related to their areas.
      - b. Jeremy is touching base with ministry leaders to get ideas.
    - 2. WC talked thru potentially having smaller groups of ministry leaders for specific areas (i.e. – baptism prep, liturgical ministers) attend the first 15-20 minutes of a future WC meeting.
      - a. WC could learn more about ministers specific needs.
      - b. This would also give WC an opportunity to thank the ministers.
    - 3. Debby will connect with Jeremy regarding the timeline for feedback.
  - C. Wording in Worship Aid in regards to visitors
    - 1. This is mostly in reference to visitors outside the parish attending weddings, funerals, etc.
    - 2. The wording is intended to make people feel comfortable during certain parts of the Mass.
    - 3. WC decided the following statement was appropriate:  
 "During the communion procession, those members of other faith communities and all who will not receive Holy Communion are invited to remain in place, joining us in song."
  - D. Participation in Thursday evening Holy Hour
    - 1. WC will have a future discussion regarding Liturgy of the Hours, especially for those not familiar with it.
    - 2. WC members are invited to attend a Holy Hour in the next four weeks to aid in the future discussion.
  - E. Chapel Reconfiguration
    - 1. WC discussed whether or not the tabernacle should be moved from its current location in the chapel in order to make it immovable.
      - a. There are some concerns about it not being secured in the current location.

- b. There are some concerns about not being able to see the tabernacle from church if it is moved.
    - c. WC will get opinions on issue from other groups.
  - 2. There are also some space issues with the number of chairs in the chapel and the use of the space for the Children's Liturgy of the Word.
  - 3. How can WC raise awareness of both the chapel and tabernacle?
    - a. Should there be more signage?
- F. Advent/Christmas/Epiphany party – Debby will send out an email survey with potential dates.

VII. New Business

- A. Items introduced by members
  - 1. The Campus Plan Committee still needs a representative from WC.
  - 2. There will be an optional meeting on 11/22 after the 8:30am Mass for council and commission members regarding use of the money from the capital campaign.

VIII. Closing Prayer

- A. Mary said the closing prayer.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.