

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship & Sacraments Commission
Minutes of Meeting April 24, 2018

Members Present: Mike Gardner (Chair), Michelle Meyer, Adriana Inman, Amy Wissel, Hope Davenport, Michael Bolek, Christine Guerin

Members Absent: Beth Brink, Dawn Mansour, Helena Osubor, Terry Schneeman

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 – Mike opened at 7:02 PM
- II. Formation- Liturgy Document book – Built of Living Stones paragraphs 140-169

The role of art in the worship space is to evoke and glorify the 'transcendent mystery of God'. How does the art in our church do that? In what ways is it inadequate? Offer specific examples from our church

As you contemplate new liturgical art (in our church or either chapel), what are indicators of quality, appropriateness, and worthiness (see paragraphs 146-149)

- A. The stained-glass window in the chapel is very inspirational.
- B. The Virgin Mary stained-glass window on one side and the Saint Maximilian Kolbe window on the other side of the church, the windows depicting the Last Supper, and the crucifix are all very inspirational.
- C. Art is very important for giving inspiration to the people. Art is meant to bring the divine to the world.
- D. The signs and symbols we use of our faith have to be beautiful.
- E. Stained-glass windows come from the times when people were mostly illiterate, and the art work helped them to understand their faith.
- F. Our church was built during the trend for simplicity. New buildings are being built with a little more ornamentation.
- G. The basilica in Orlando has a crucifix that is a takeoff on the space program.
- H. Mother of God in Covington has stained-glass windows that tell the story of the Blessed Mother.
- I. How do we live out the indicators of quality, appropriateness, and worthiness in our church and chapels?
 - i. The use of indigenous materials.
 - ii. Items that will last over time. Do we spend money on better quality items?
 - iii. Do we want to buy items for the long term?
- J. Find the right people to do the work. Those with a sound Catholic background.

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2018.

- A. Minutes approved with no changes.

- IV. Pastoral Associate Report

- A. Dave Brunsman has been hired as the Adult Initiation Minister. He will be replacing Deacon Mike Lippman in this role.

- V. Continuing Business/Projects

- A. Pastoral Council Meeting from April 11th – Adriana

- i. PC is discerning for vice-chair.
- ii. Responsibility for ad-hoc planning committee for annual planning cycle.
 1. Will look at ministries that may have met their needs.
 2. Looking to get it going in a year or two by July 1st of 2019.
 3. Invite all ministries to talk about their successes and goals.
 - a. Maybe some ministries should be working together on projects.
 4. It is a challenge for some groups to set goals. Many groups may not set goals and it is difficult to move forward without goals.
- iii. PC listening sessions feedback for WSC.
 1. Divine Mercy image

- a. Did not like it at the back of church and would like it in the chapel for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
 - 2. Request to have names of those for baptism and confirmation in the worship aid.
 - a. Jeremy thinks it is not practical for baptisms because of the print deadline and he does not always have all the names until the last minute.
 - 3. Many of the eucharistic ministers are wearing short skirts.
 - a. There have been several bulletin articles and it is published on the website. There are many resources talking about the dress code.
 - iv. Deacon Mike Hinger is the new Minister of New Evangelization.
 - v. We should know by May 5th or 6th who will be the new pastor.
- B. By-laws update – Hope
 - i. Hope has made changes to make WSC by-laws conform with the new common by-laws.
 - ii. Jeremy suggest a side by side comparison of the changes electronically.
 - iii. It was decided to email out the changes for review and they will be voted on at the May WSC meeting.
- C. Leadership Discernment and upcoming Summits – May 8th, 10th and 12th – Amy & Helena
 - i. Nominations are in and Fr. Geoff is reviewing.
 - ii. More nominations than last year and most have been submitted online. There are over 100 total nominations.
 - iii. Commission members do not need to be at the Summit. They are geared for ministry leaders and those discerning membership on council and commissions.
 - iv. A coaching session on May 5th for those running the discernment meetings.
 - v. Volunteers
 - 1. May 8 – Michelle
 - 2. May 10 – Hope, Mike
 - 3. May 12 – Adriana, Amy
 - vi. If someone was nominated for more than one council or commission, they must choose the one council or commission they are most interested in after the discernment meetings.
 - vii. Most parishes do not offer this type of process.

VI. New Business

A. Triduum Evaluation

- i. Holy Thursday
 - 1. Awkward pause before the foot washing.
 - 2. No direction for when to start up for the foot washing.
 - 3. How to get foot washing started?
- ii. Readings during Adoration during the night
 - 1. Feels like an introduction to each reading is needed before starting the readings.
- iii. Did the Triduum as a whole celebrate the Paschal mystery?
 - 1. Great sense of unity because only one Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Mass.
 - 2. Relighting of candles at the font during Easter Vigil went well.
 - a. People did not head back to the pews when they were supposed to go back.
- iv. Was the Triduum clearly a distinct season?
 - 1. It was very distinct.
 - 2. There was a clear sense that Lent is done.
- v. Did the Liturgies of the Triduum maintain a Paschal character?
 - 1. Yes, they did.
 - 2. Triduum by its nature is Paschal.
- vi. Environment and Art
 - 1. Paschal candle.
 - 2. Beautiful clean font of water.
 - 3. Vigil fire.
 - 4. The cross has been venerated by thousands of people. It is an immensely powerful symbol for our parish.
- vii. Did the altar, ambo, and cross retain their preeminence in the liturgical environment?
 - 1. They did retain their preeminence.
- viii. Preaching & Music
 - 1. Music was excellent
 - 2. Good Friday a very stark contrast with no music during communion.
 - 3. Do we continue to have two Good Friday liturgies?
 - a. The Church suggest just one in the afternoon.

