

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship & Sacraments Commission
Minutes of Meeting March 20, 2018

Members Present: Mike Gardner (Chair), Michelle Meyer, Adriana Inman, Dawn Mansour, Helena Osubor, Amy Wissel, Terry Schneeman

Members Absent: Hope Davenport, Michael Bolek, Christine Guerin, Beth Brink,

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 – Helena opened at 7:10 PM
- II. Formation- Liturgy Document book – Built of Living Stones paragraphs 100-139

Are there any rites of the Church which would be enhanced/improved by adjustments to our physical space?

What benefits would/could the addition of a mid-sized chapel have in the celebration of the various rites of the Church?

- A. There is plenty of room for funerals in the church.
- B. It is difficult for everyone to see during baptisms.
- C. New chapel will be good for smaller weddings, funerals, daily Mass.
- D. Maybe a bowl of water but not a baptism font in the new chapel.
- E. Smaller services will feel more intimate in the new chapel.
- F. CLOW will be in the new chapel.
- G. Music rehearsals will be held in the new chapel.

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2018.

- A. Minutes approved with change to Helena's name.

- IV. Pastoral Associate Report

- A. On April 8th for Divine Mercy Sunday, we may possibly use the Divine Mercy image.
- B. We receive people into the Church when they are ready, not necessarily at the Easter Vigil.
- C. Canon Law says if you are baptized above the "age of reason" you must also be confirmed.
- D. Pastor transition
 - i. With Fr. Geoff's urging the Pastoral team has decided it will be business as usual until June 30th and then we will see what the new pastor will bring.
 - ii. In the past the pastor's term was 6 years and 6 years renewable. It was decided Fr. Geoff would be a good fit at St. Ignatius.
 - iii. Continue the St. Max way.

- V. Continuing Business/Projects

- A. Pastoral Council Meeting from March 7th – Adriana
 - i. Zach Hinger is looking for members for the parish mission team. The parish mission team would like a member from all councils and commissions. Looking for a team to get it underway.
 - ii. WSC tasks from the PC listening sessions
 1. Why do people genuflect when they do? Why do people hold hands?
 2. Fr. Geoff has written on these topics. Adriana will do more research and get back to them.
 - iii. Outreach Commission happy with the names the ministries received from the "Just Try It" weekend. They were happy with the 480 personal care bags.
 - iv. Parish Life and Stewardship Commission working on a tri-fold for welcoming people.
 - v. One Step Closer getting some good ideas for things to try.
 - vi. Fr. Geoff
 1. July 10th will be Fr. Simon Peter's 25th anniversary as a priest. We will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee at the noon Mass on Sunday July 1st.
 2. Hiring of a minister of new evangelization
 - a. Someone to go out to people who are unengaged in the parish.

- b. Meeting with new parishioners.
- c. Position will be filled shortly.

B. Ministry Leadership Luncheon

- i. Jeremy has addressed most of the major concerns and is still working on some smaller concerns.
 - 1. Thank you to Dawn for taking the notes at the luncheon.

C. Leadership Discernment project – Amy & Helena

- i. Individual discernment nominations
 - 1. Submitted new information for the new tri-fold with some small changes.
 - 2. Amy wrote a new testimonial for WSC.
 - 3. Possible use of the names of past nominees who were not chosen as a starting point.
 - 4. Asking each member of the councils and commissions to nominate 3 people.
 - 5. Starting in April on the website will be a link to submit nominations.
 - 6. There will not be a mailing this year as was done in the past.
 - 7. The weekend of April 7/8 information will be handed out after Mass.
 - 8. Those nominated must be a registered parishioner.
 - 9. There will be training sessions for members leading the discernment sessions.
- ii. Thoughts on some appointed seats vs discerned seats.
 - 1. The value of 1 or 2 members that would be appointed by the pastor or pastoral associates.
 - 2. We are not connecting with the 2/3 of the parish that are not “church people”. Do we need their perspective?
 - 3. Might be difficult to get someone not engaged to serve.
 - 4. Is this something to think about?
 - 5. Maybe we could engage with them in some way and not put them on the commissions. Perhaps just a relaxed conversation.

D. By-laws update – Hope

- i. Hope reviewed the common by laws – it is proceeding
- ii. All the groups have submitted.
- iii. A new time table of deadlines will be created.

E. Concrete Lent Review

- i. When we sing the intercessions, it is difficult to understand what the cantor is singing.
 - 1. When we start something new we should practice it first.
 - 2. The trilingual responses are challenging.
- ii. Chanting feels traditional
 - 1. Allows us to focus on the text and not the music.
- iii. Not singing when the priest is leaving seems cumbersome
 - 1. Worship aid asked people not to leave until the bells stop.
 - 2. It is done to feel unfinished during Lent and Advent.
- iv. Need a strategy to keep people from leaving Mass early.
 - 1. Mass is done when we are all done.
- v. Announcements at the end of Mass seem to be necessary to inform people of important events.
- vi. Preaching
 - 1. Priests are uniquely made so we hear different perspectives during their homilies.

F. Topic for Liturgical Minister’s Formation Day

- i. First hour together in the church and the second hour in breakout sessions by ministry.
 - 1. A balance of catechetical and inspirational specific to the liturgy.
- ii. What should our ministers need to reflect upon to help them to do their work?
 - 1. How should the keynote talk relate to the breakout sessions?
 - 2. The topics from the past could be used again - review.
 - a. Contrast of Martha & Mary. How are we both busy as servants and sitting at the feet of Jesus?
 - b. Word of God and how it is pervasive in the liturgy. How do we listen to God in the liturgy?
 - c. Hospitality. How do we as leaders show hospitality? In the breakouts it was more specific to each ministry.
 - d. How does the liturgy shape what you do each day?
 - 3. Topics from the past could be done again and if a different person is presenting the topic it will be completely different. It has been a while since these topics were presented so it would be totally appropriate to use one of these topics again.

4. The word Mass comes from the dismissal at the end of the Mass. Go in Peace to serve the Lord. The whole point of the Mass is to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of the Lord.
 - a. This could be a great reflection for the ministers. How do we go forth and live the Gospel in our lives?
5. Other than the music ministers, no other group of ministers meet together.
 - a. This is a good opportunity for the ministers to get together and discuss things about their ministry.
 - b. Ministry leaders could take some time in the breakout sessions to take the theme from the keynote and make it specific to their ministry.
6. Need to choose the right person for the keynote topic to get everyone engaged in discussions and to provide some liturgical formation.
 - a. We do not do a lot of liturgical formation of ministers.
7. Who is Jesus to you?
 - a. How to make this applicable to the liturgy?
 - i. How are we the presence of Christ in our ministries?
 - ii. How do we encounter Jesus at Mass?

G. Triduum Evaluation Intro - Dawn

- i. Actively listening.
- ii. Make some notes when it is fresh in your mind.
- iii. Use the evaluation tools on the website
 1. Dawn will send out to everyone the tools.
- iv. The evaluation tools invite you to look concretely at the variable things. What we can control.
 1. WSC needs to be the ones to give the feedback to the preachers. Real honest feedback.
- v. Michelle asking for evaluation of lectors.
 1. Michelle needs feedback to help in training lectors who need help.
 2. Michelle proposing suggesting that people only accept 1 sub request to give more people the opportunity to serve.
 3. The WSC has commission level oversight and can set the policy for the lectors and other ministries under the WSC. The logistics is up to the ministry leaders.

VI. New Business

A. Leadership Roundtable Update – Dawn

- i. Concise agenda
 1. Ad hoc committee for the future.
 - a. What is the vision for the next 5 years?
 - b. Been in the works for a while, but not a rush to get it going.
 2. Brainstorming ways to communicate during Mass.
 - a. Sarah presented several ways to communicate.

VII. Closing Reflection – Helena

- A. What have we done tonight to draw people closer to the Lord? What have we done tonight to help engage parishioners? Express prayers of thanks.
 - i. Topics for liturgical ministers.
 - ii. Prayer for new minister to be hired
 - iii. Mike expressed thanks for all the support he has received.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)