

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Worship & Sacraments Commission
Minutes of Meeting September 25, 2018

Members Present: Dawn Mansour (Chair), Adriana Inman, Christine Guerin, Helena Osubor, Amy Wissel, Hope Davenport, Lisa Brown, Michael Truax,

Members Absent: Mary Blake, Rick Volk, Michael Bolek

Ex Officio Present: Fr. Jim Riehle (Pastor), Mary Ella Wielgos (Pastoral Associate), John Stengel (Recording Sec.)

- I. Gather: 7:00 PM
 - A. Opening Prayer - Amy Wissel
 - B. Getting to Know Each Other: What is a favored prayer or devotion of yours?
 - i. Members discussed one of their favorite prayers or devotion.
 - C. Dynamic Catholic Books were passed around and name tags were given to new members.
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from August 28, 2018.
 - A. Minutes approved with no changes.
- III. Formation: *Imbued with the Spirit of the Liturgy: Intro (from Aug 28 meeting pre-reading) and Part 1; pages 2-3, 8-24*
 - A. Pages 2-3.
 - i. Greater variety of Sacred Scripture at Mass.
 - ii. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy set into motion many liturgical changes for the Church.
 - iii. Did we lose some of the reverence after Vatican II?
 - iv. The focal point of the Latin Mass is the altar.
 - B. Pages 8-11
 - i. An ecumenical council is made up of bishops from around the world at the invitation of the Pope to decide on matters of the Church.
 - ii. Pope John XXIII had "a flash of heavenly light" and put it into action when he announced the council which became known as Vatican II. God would guide their work.
 - iii. The theme of Vatican II was to be the Church and this theme pervades the sixteen documents of the council.
 - C. Pages 12-16
 - i. Dom Prosper believed the liturgy formed the hearts and minds of believers.
 - ii. Page 15 1st column.
 1. Rooted in the Roman Rite.
 2. Lively engagement of the liturgical year.
 3. Fruitful interior and exterior participation by the faithful.
 4. Pious practices to stir up devotion.
 - iii. A major crisis in the church every 500 years.
 1. Outside forces on the Church today are secular now vs crisis in the past.
 - D. Pages 17-19
 - i. Fruitful for parish life to make the liturgy the main focus.
 - ii. Mother Teresa felt it was important to spend time each day in prayer.
 - iii. Must spend time with God first.
 - E. Pages 20-24
 - i. How do you experience the mystical body of Christ?
 1. The Eucharist, the Word, the person sitting next to you at Mass, the priest.
- IV. Staff Report – Mary Ella
 - A. Mary Ella asks for questions from the report.
 - i. Dawn asking if information about events can be put out sooner rather than a month ahead of time.
 1. Mission committee is a little behind since Zak left. Announcements for the mission will start in the bulletin this weekend.
 2. There is so much going on in the parish it is difficult to announce events too far in advance. The challenge is to find the right balance so that announcements are not too early and end up getting lost in the bulletin.
 - B. Parish Mission

- i. Monday night, Nov 26th, a talk and then confession.
 - ii. Tuesday - Talk and then Adoration.
 - iii. Wednesday - Family Dinner and Mass.
 - C. 14-20 people in RCIA this year.
 - D. Holly Sadler is the new part time Assistant Music Minister.
 - E. Mary Ella asking if there are enough of the red books in the pews to pray the Vocation Prayer and if there is a need to put more out.
 - F. A person came to Mary Ella to ask permission to start a children's rosary ministry.
 - i. Children ages 4-15.
 - ii. Mary Ella looked at the resource she is going to use which is beautiful.
 - iii. They will have a Mary statue and kneel on carpet squares to pray the rosary.
 - iv. They may need to purchase 10 books for an expense of \$20.
 - v. No objections from the WSC, so Mary Ella will have her proceed.
 - G. RFY went to Mary Ella and wants to start teaching the kids about the liturgy books.
 - H. Mary Ella looking for feedback about moving the cantor stand in front of the organ. She is looking for ways to increase sightlines to the cantor.
 - I. Communication with the parish.
 - i. Announcements and witness statements.
 - 1. The idea of moving announcements to before Mass is under consideration.
 - 2. Looking for a way to keep the Mass the Mass.
 - 3. It would be nice to receive Holy Communion and then go out into the world without standing through the announcements.
 - 4. Witness statements would still be after Holy Communion.
 - J. Questions from PC listening sessions.
 - i. Mary Ella needs to get back to one person to answer their concern.
 - ii. PC asking for answers because in the past a parishioner's question was answered directly by Jeremy and PC was not aware the question had been answered.
 - iii. PC holds the listening sessions and then they send out a spreadsheet listing the questions and the council or commission responsible for answering the questions. PC would like the council or commission to send the answer back to the PC and they will be responsible for getting back to the parishioner with the answer.
 - iv. Mary Ella will handle the questions for the WSC and email the responses to Jerry Pater and a copy to Amy.
- V. September Pastoral Council Meeting - Amy
 - A. Ministry Planning
 - i. Jerry Pater coming to the next WSC meeting to discuss.
 - B. Fr. Jim has read through the by-laws and has made some suggestions.
 - i. WSC should not be working on the by-laws at this point.
- VI. Father Riehle
 - A. WSC is mentioned in Fr. Jim's bulletin column regarding the change of hosts.
 - B. Fr. may need some help on some changes he is considering such as vessels and other liturgical items.
 - C. Fr. thinks the altar would look nice with different altar cloths that would not cover the entire altar.
 - D. Fr. would like to mount the Divine Mercy Image to the wall outside of the confessional and then get an additional image, of the same dimensions, of our Blessed Mother or Sacred Heart to mount on the other side of the confessional.
 - E. Fr. would like to find a more permanent solution to placing a Divine Mercy image in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
 - F. Fr. looking at a new tabernacle. The Children of Mary have offered to donate a larger tabernacle.
- VII. Connecting with Ministry Leaders
 - A. Ministry Luncheon will be January 20th from 1:00-2:30pm.
 - i. MAP Training at the luncheon?
 - 1. Will wait to see what PC says about the time frame for MAP.
 - B. Some ministries have a monthly newsletter and some use Ministry Pro to communicate with ministry members.
 - C. Is there a reason to reach out and have ministry leaders come to a WSC meeting?
 - i. WSC will invite ministry leaders to a meeting as needed to address specific issues.
- VIII. Altar Linens

- A. Fr. Jim is okay with WSC moving forward with options for different altar cloths.
 - i. Fr. Jim is fine with seeing more of the altar year-round.
 - ii. Cloth can be short over the sides. Fr. Jim does not want it to look like a table cloth.
 - iii. Looking for something nice.
 - iv. Mary Ella and WSC members will work on ideas.

IX. Relics & Artwork

- A. *Liturgy Documents Volume One:*
 - i. *Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy paragraph 125*
 - ii. *Built of Living Stones paragraphs 135-138*
 - iii. Alcoves for devotions so that when people stop to pray they are not in the aisle.
- B. Fr. Jim wants to beautify the worship space.
- C. Divine Mercy image in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
 - i. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel feels peaceful and beautiful with just the tabernacle. Focus is on the Blessed Sacrament.
- D. Relics
 - i. Mary Ella is going to get with Fr. Jim for more of his ideas and guidance on the placement of the relics.
 - ii. Mary Ella will let Fr. Jim know that WSC is willing to work on the project.
 - iii. Who would like to work on subcommittee for relic recommendations?
 - 1. Dawn would like the committee to find out the rules and options and report back to the commission.
 - a. Michael Truax volunteered to be on the committee and Rick Volk is also interested.
 - 2. Dawn suggested the subcommittee get with Fr. Jim to get resources to get started on research.
- E. *Built of Living Stones* page 486 the end of first paragraph 136, connect to the stories behind the relics. An image should be purposeful and beautiful. Beauty is illuminating to God.

X. Reminders:

- A. Archdiocesan WSC training: September 27th at St. Ignatius Parish in the Bolte Room.
 - i. Dawn, Michael, and Helena will be attending.
- B. WSC hosting Hospitality Weekend on October 27/28.
 - i. Members should go to signup genius to volunteer.
 - ii. Dawn will help out at any Mass with less than three volunteers.
- C. Upcoming Major Liturgical Celebration:
 - i. October 6, Blessing of animals.
 - ii. October 7, Respect for Life.
 - iii. Oct 28, Anniversary of Dedication of St. Max Church and Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers.
 - iv. Nov 26-28, Parish Mission, Father Dave Pivonka, "The Wild Goose Is Loose" website. Father Pivonka will be preaching the weekend Masses before the mission.

XI. Closing Reflection - Amy

XII. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stengel, *Ex Officio* (Secretary)