

Worship Committee meeting

April 16 2024

Present: Father Dass, Deacon Rich Matuczak, Marilyn Menor, Steve Kemp, Lee Rynish, Dori Bluma, Kim Van Handal, and Barbara Brandtner.

Absent: Cathy Rydzewski, Kim Laabs, and Aaron Hietpas.

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with prayer by Father Dass.

A motion was made by Marilyn Menor and seconded by Steve Kemp to accept the January minutes. Motion passed.

Agenda item:

Seven rough drafts of parish logo designs were submitted by Adam Cary to the committee. After some discussion, one design was selected for further changes. Barb will communicate with Adam of ways to make changes that are more conducive to our parishes goal. It was suggested to simplify the design to be a more reproducible logo and functional for years to come. Once a final draft is submitted it will be emailed to Worship members for comment and approval.

Some minor changes are to be made to the Liturgical descriptors (severs ringing of bells, lighting the candles). Church Environment descriptor section is missing. Aaron will be contacted for updates and a possible final draft.

Committee reports:

Deacon Rich will be giving a short refresher course for the **Eucharistic Ministers** for distributing the “cup”, after mass on Pentecost Sunday. It was noted that the “cup” will be given on six Sundays throughout the year. They are: Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, Christ the King, and Christmas Eve.

All Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend the Diocesan training on this ministry. Many of our Eucharistic Ministers have attended the training and said it was worthwhile. Carpooling to this training was suggested.

Deacon Rich will be training 7 – 8 new **Altar Servers** from St. Johns and St. Sebastian in August.

For the **Church Environment**, Father would like to pursue the idea of purchasing banners for the liturgical Solemnities (Pentecost, Corpus Christi, etc.). Cathy Rydzewski will go through our existing banners in storage and see what is missing of the Solemnities..

Cantors are given permission to sing or say the psalms either at the lectern or ambo.

The Parish has purchased CDs of all the music in our Journeysong books. Some cantors have been trained to use the computer to play the CDs. Singing acapella is another option to sing at mass.

Kim Laabs and Marilyn will be selecting music for the liturgies after July 1, 2024. Deacon suggested to put together a folder of music for funerals and weddings for future use.

Marilyn will check with the Diocese to put a “Wanted” notice on the website for a musician.

Some discussion to train **ushers** to set up and clean up vessels for mass took place. No decision made on this.

We are still looking for a **Sacristan** chairperson.

Father would like to train more parishioners to perform this service: Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, parish individuals, etc. Rich will ask for help on April 28th, from the podium, when he introduces the nomination procedure. It was noted that some people prefer “behind the scene” service and this type of ministry is such.

Final Comments:

We would like to welcome Dori Bluma to the Worship Committee as a member-at-large.

Dori also is Activities Chairperson on the Parish Council. Dori will be a valuable resource for the committee.

Lee suggested more lead time to be given to planning for upcoming special masses or events such as May Crowning or the Advent/Christmas season. Dori and Barb will work on an annual calendar of parish and church events, liturgies, holy days, etc. to help with planning of church activities and events.

Several different schedules for Worship committee meetings were submitted. It was noted the ‘four meetings a year’ schedule was not enough to be effective as a worship committee. It was decided to meet every other month on the first Tuesday of that month. This would allow us to meet the week before Parish Council meetings and it does not conflict with other parish obligations for Father and Deacon. Meeting months are August, October, December, February, April, and June.

Next Worship meeting: August 6, 2024. 6:00pm

Father Dass ended the meeting with prayer. The meeting closed at 7:30.