

Worship Committee meeting minutes

December 3, 2024

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

Guest: Paula Helms

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

A motion was made by Steve Kemp and seconded by Kim Laabs to accept the October minutes. Motion passed.

Agenda items:

New business:

1. It was suggested to introduce Latin singing for the “Lord Have Mercy” and the “Lamb of God” parts of the liturgy at our parish. After much discussion it was tabled until the February 4th meeting.

Old business:

1. The Worship Committee was asked to consider changing the name of St. John the Baptist Catholic **Parish** to St. John the Baptist Catholic **Church**. After some discussion the Worship committee voted to keep the title as voted on at the October Worship Committee meeting: **St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish**.
2. Six variations of St. John’s new logo design were presented for production (envelopes, stationary, etc.). The committee voted on two designs to be sent to Express Printing for further development.

Committee reports:

Eucharistic Ministers: No report.

Altar Servers: Two adults have shown an interest in serving at weekend masses. Unfortunately, we do not have altar server albs in an adult size. Altar server albs can run up to \$100, so there is a hold on this purchase until further discussion.

Church Environment: The display of real flowers vs. artificial flowers in church was discussed. Research showed that the diocese recommends “real” flowers over “fake” to more accurately represent the pascal mystery -the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord. The high cost of fresh flowers may determine whether we display real flowers in church on a regular basis.

The indoor plants along the south windows of the church need to be thinned out in order to clear the walkway for parishioners.

Music: The **choir** is scheduled to sing on December 15th, January 26th, March 5th and April 20th. There is an ongoing search for a new laptop to be used only for music during liturgies.

Hospitality: The church doors will no longer be locked during weekend masses.

The collection of church dues before the offertory will continue in the customary way. The idea of having collection boxes at each entrance will not be administered at this time.

Sacristan: Four Sacristans are scheduled for weekend masses. No one has come forward to serve as sacristan for weekday masses.

Lectors: No report.

Final Comments

Worship Committee members are asked to think about volunteering for the chairperson position starting at the August meeting (new year) when it is vacant. Nominations will be taken at the February meeting.

The Youth Choir will sing for 4:00 Christmas Eve mass. Parish children will again perform the nativity at this service.

This Christmas, St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish will gift the book, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, to each parishioner.

Holy Communion Service outside of mass, as directed by Deacon or a lay person, will be altered starting Advent 2024. The service will last only 15 minutes.

Next Worship meeting: February 4th, 2025. 6:00pm

Father Dass ended the meeting with prayer. The meeting closed at 7:35.