

## Liturgy Commission Minutes

January 22, 2015

Present: Anne Schwartz, Larry Mustonen, Laraine MacKenzie, Marie Whelehan, Virginia Stillwell, Fr. Spencer Howe, Fr. Doug Ebert

- I. Prayer – led by Marie Whelehan
- II. Housekeeping: Substitute secretary assigned for this meeting only. Minutes from the last meeting were previously approved via email.
- III. Parish Pastoral Council
  - a. All commissions are invited to a leadership night Thurs., Feb. 26.
  - b. Event is in the social hall beginning with soup and salad at 6pm.
  - c. Commissions will meet for one hour, after which everyone will meet together.
  - d. Meeting will adjourn around 9pm.
  - e. At this meeting we will discuss Holy Week and progress on a crucifix.
- IV. Incarnation Season Evaluation
  - a. Environment: Thanks to Sew for Grace Ministry for making the side banners for Advent. Many people expressed appreciation for the beautiful Christmas environment. New trees and wreaths and outdoor lumenaria added a lot. Can we ask parish youth to help with Christmas decorating? We were short on workers on Dec. 12.
  - b. Advent: Commission liked having our Advent candles only carried in procession the first weekend and in place before liturgies on subsequent weekends. Weekday sacristans need a note telling them to light and extinguish the Advent wreath.
  - c. Christmas Masses: Fr. Doug requested that the Commission survey the regulars regarding replacing the midnight Mass with 10pm or 10:30pm.
  - d. Mary, Mother of God: 4pm Mass time worked well. Be sure there are four communion stations in the center aisle, as that is where most people sit.
- V. Liturgy Team Report
  - a. Mass of Remembrance: Recommend continuing to have Mass of Remembrance on 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of November. Good use of votive candles at all weekend masses.
  - b. Commissioning Weekend Nov. 8/9: Commission liked people remaining in the pews for the commissioning.
  - c. First Saturday devotions began Dec. 6 and are well attended.
  - d. Catholic Schools Weekend Jan 24/25: FSCS 8<sup>th</sup> graders will speak after homilies.
  - e. Tabernacle in Emmaus Chapel: Rekey to match the tabernacle in worship space.
  - f. Soon we will have police controlling the intersection after Sunday morning Masses. It should ease traffic issues and allow people to stay til the end of Mass!
  - g. Youth participation: All Masses have youth involved in music, greeting, gifts, ushering. Lectors and EMs must be confirmed. Discussed history of 6pm Mass and ongoing efforts to involve young people in liturgical ministries. Priests are encouraging Filipino youth to get involved at noon mass. Fr. Howe will work

with Steve to encourage confirmation candidates to participate. He will also recruit younger assembly members for lectoring at weekday masses.

- VI. Crucifix for Worship Space
  - a. Anonymous donation received toward a permanent crucifix.
  - b. St. Patrick's Guild is working on finding an appropriate piece.
  - c. Per the Pastoral Council's recommendation those who have been involved in art consultations in the past will be invited to a meeting.
  - d. Aspects to consider are style, size, placement and method of display.
  - e. We would like to expedite the discernment process.
  - f. Fr. Howe will work with Larry and St. Pat's Guild to find date/s. Virginia will assist with sending invitation to interested parties.
- VII. Lent/Easter
  - a. Ash Wednesday Eucharistic exposition should not continue during Masses.
  - b. Lenten Ritual: We will use the same booklet as last year, incorporate silence and simplicity, allow people to sense something is different.
  - c. Lenten Schedule: Reviewed first draft. Need exact dates for parish retreat.
  - d. Discussion of Holy Week at our next meeting.

**Next meeting February 26, 2015** – Leadership Night with Pastoral Council in Social Hall

6pm Soup and Salad

7pm Commission meeting re Holy Week; Crucifix (Minutes - Mary Margaret)

8pm Large Group Meeting

Respectfully submitted January 22, 2015