

Worship Commission Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019 – 6:30-8:00 PM

Present were Peggy White, Mindy Dannemiller, Peggy Hager, Paul Bresciani, Janet Bresciani, Dottie Buerger, Tom Baker, Steve Gerwe, and Fr. David Doseck. Excused were Fr. Del Staigers, Mary Sue O'Donnell, Dan Murphy, and Dave Heilmann.

Meeting began at 6:29pm with reflection on the coming weekend's Gospel, read by Steve Gerwe. The minutes were approved from the November 12, 2018 meeting.

Welcome

The Worship Commission welcomed new members Janet Bresciani (Lectors), Peggy Hager (A&E), and recognized again Steve Gerwe (EM's).

Reports

Peggy White (Greeters) is looking for a 5th week Saturday Greeter. She mentioned that people have asked her why there are Greeters greeting people in the Narthex followed up by Ushers doing the same thing. We discussed that the weather plays a role in Greeters being inside as opposed to greeting people outside. **It was decided that if we have extra Greeters and Ushers inside, we should move the extras out of the Narthex and to the side doors, to greet people and help people there.**

Dottie Buerger reported there was a snafu with a Luncheon for a recent funeral – there happened to be a large monthly seniors meeting in the PMC at the same time. She also noted that the non-active parishioner (whose husband's funeral this was for), “expected” a luncheon, as it is clearly stated a luncheon is available on request in the online Funeral Guidelines. **It was decided we needed to update these guidelines immediately.**

Peggy Hager, reported that the new banners are up for Ordinary Time, and that the Christmas Trees should be down today. She was unsure of the altar linen she put up, as it did not quite match the banner colors, but we thought is there was a problem, our pastor would let us know.

Tom Baker reported on the pastor's request for a new stable for the outdoor nativity scene. **Tom will be working on building this before the end of summer.**

Steve Gerwe reported that Sarah Eisner was trained as a Liturgical Sacristan and will become LS for the 3rd Sunday 11:30am Mass slot. Another LS noted that Fr. Pat is mixing in hosts from the ciborium brought up from the Tabernacle against new policy guidelines. Steve will be updating EM guidelines with Deacon Dan. It was discussed that often times the center plates and cups often run out well before the side plates and cups. **It was decided that Presiders need to put more hosts in some plates and less in others, and the LS (or C3 & C4's) need to give these plates out to the appropriate EM positions.**

Janet Bresciani reported that she will work with Paul on cleaning up the Lector Roster, removing those no longer in the ministry, and making sure everyone who wants to minister can. She is going to make a point to give all Lectors an opportunity to minister at the Holy Days and Feasts, rather than use a first come first serve online signup as we have in the past. She will also work on updating the guidelines for Lectors.

Mindy Dannemiller reported that she held a Baptism Prep class last week that went well. She is using a newly revised program she recently implemented. There were 47 baptisms last year – which is more than the 35 funerals we had, which everyone agreed was a good sign.

Paul Bresciani reported that 10-12 choir members participated in the NPM/Archdiocesan Gospel Choral Festival, helping form a choir of 70 singers for the 2-day festival. All participants reported they were thrilled with everything from rehearsing to performing gospel music at their final concert. At Christmas, we had 30 musicians for our 11pm Christmas Eve Mass, and over 50 participating throughout the 2 days. VE will be singing at 11:30am Mass on Jan. 27 to kick off Catholic Schools Week. The Chapel Organ had its yearly maintenance performed last week. The choir was asked to sing at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election again this year.

New Business

The Feb. 3 Donut Social will be “sponsored” by the Worship Commission. Volunteering their help were: Steve Gerwe (after 8am Mass), Peggy White and Mindy Dannemiller (after 9:30am Mass) & Ben and Dottie Buerger (after 11:30am Mass)

Liturgical Evaluations

Advent Taize: Music was beautiful, people loved the candles and environment.

First Reconciliation/Parish Penance Service: Went very smoothly, good number of Confessors.

Immaculate Conception: Surprisingly, many people came to worship on a Saturday morning, exceeding expectations.

Christmas: Everyone seemed very pleased with the outdoor nativity scene being just outside the doors of the church. Tom Baker is working on a manger/stable structure to fit in this area. Some members thought the indoor nativity scene was somewhat hidden in the corner of the Nave, and consideration might be made for moving it to the area in front of the Sanctuary, near the baptismal font. The new flower/poinsettia arrangement was universally praised by parishioners – some even saying it was the best they'd seen. All Mass times were considered good, no need to change.

Attendance was full at all the liturgies, with another, very healthy uptick of parishioners at 11pm. The music was beautiful, especially the choir at 11pm. People particularly enjoyed the brass quartet and handbell choir.

Mary, Holy Mother of God: Very good attendance at both Masses – 280 each.

Preparations for Upcoming Liturgies

Jan. 27-Feb. 2, Catholic Schools Week: VE coming to sing at 11:30am Mass to kick week off.

Feb. 17, Confirmation: All planning taken care of.

Mar. 6, Ash Wednesday: All liturgical times were deemed good and necessary – Liturgies: 6:30am & Noon, Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 7pm.

Mar. 10, Rite of Sending: This will take place at the 9:30am Mass. Emily Besl has well planned.

Next meeting March 11, 2019.

Ended meeting at 7:54pm with prayer.