

Worship Commission Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019 – 6:30-8:30 PM

Present were Peggy White, Peggy Hager, Paul Bresciani, Janet Bresciani, Fr. David Doseck, Fr. Del Staigers, Tom Baker, Mindy Dannemiller and Dottie Buerger. Excused was Steve Gerwe. Unexcused were Dave Heilmann, Dan Murphy, Nick Robben.

Meeting began at 6:32pm with reflection on the coming weekend's Gospel, read by Tom Baker. The minutes were approved from the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Member Reports

Janet Bresciani (Lectors) Since our March meeting, the lector ministry has been busy with Lent, Holy Week and Easter. My goal was to “stir the pot” a bit this year, and try to fill the lector reading opportunities with a mix of seasoned veterans along with a few new faces.

Stations of the Cross were held on Friday evenings for seven weeks (including Good Friday). A different lector read each week, including five lectors, Deacon Dan and Fr. David. We read a new version of the Stations, chosen by Fr. David.

For Palm Sunday, we followed the usual lector rotation. The Palm Sunday lectors were required to attend a mandatory run/read through on April 3. A few changes to the schedule were made due to inability to attend the training, and last minute illnesses. However, I had no trouble finding subs to fill the spots.

Again, the goal for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil was to find a good blend of seasoned and new lectors. A total of eleven different lectors filled the eleven Holy Week positions. Again, there were a couple of last minute substitutes due to illness.

The Easter Sunday lector positions were filled following the usual Sunday rotation.

My goal in future years is to continue to rotate the Lent/Holy Week lector positions to find a good mix of experienced readers while offering new reading opportunities to others.

The April – July lector schedule has been posted online. There currently is a lector position available for Sunday 11:30 am (first Sunday of the month, although this could be changed to accommodate).

Peggy Hager (A&E),

Easter flowers (Benken Florist): Delivery Holy Saturday (April 20)

7 Large (approx. 25 blooms) Easter lily pots

4 Small (2 each for Daily Chapel and Tabernacle Chapel)

6 Hydrangea pots (3 pink, 3 blue)

6 Hyacinth pots (3 pink, 3 blue)

2 Yellow Daffodil pots

7 additional Large Easter lily pots (replacements) delivered Saturday May 11.

- Windows were adorned with tulle, greenery, battery powered candles
- The timer on the candles did not work.... I checked Easter Monday morning and the candles were still “burning”
- Jan Doherty thought the greenery looked dry so she took down the window treatments before Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Daffodils and hyacinths also did not make it to that second Sunday.
- Concerns: I was disappointed with the daffodils and hyacinths. Is it unreasonable to expect them to last at least two Sundays (9 days... Holy Saturday through Divine Mercy Sunday)?

Flowers are expensive! I spent 85% of the budget.

- **Questions:**

1. Regarding the red Pentecost banners. How long do they stay up (to then be replaced by the Green Ordinary Time banners)? **Just 2 days (Sat. & Sun.)**
2. Whom should we contact regarding planting the spring flowers on church grounds after they die off? **Fr. Del will check.**

Paul Bresciani (Music)

- The music ministry had 32 musicians sing and play for Holy Week this year, including adult choir, brass quartet, and handbell choir.
- The choir will be singing this Sunday at the NPM Spring Choral Festival at St. Columban.

Dave Heilman (Ushers)

- Still have a need at 11:30am Mass, but so far, step up volunteers are covering it fine.

Mindy Dannemiller (Baptisms)

- 4 couples attending Baptismal Prep class on Tuesday, May 14
- Need to stress “No Flash Photography” during baptism

Steve Gerwe (EM's)

- I have one outstanding request for training EMofHC. A letter to all EMofHCs was sent and immediately had parishioner observe a distributor with a 'less than conservative' outfit. Wondered if folks read the email (he mentioned this). **It was decided that if an EM was not dressed appropriately, that person would be talked with privately with care and concern on a case by case basis.**
- Minister Volunteer Website sign-in working fine.

- I thought Easter Services were wonderful (I attended Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday Mass). No changes necessary. Nothing else to add.
- **Fr. David (Parochial Vicar), Fr. Del (Pastor), Deacon Dan Murphy (Deacon), Peggy White (Greeters), Tom Baker (At-large), Nick Robben (Servers), and Dottie Buerger (Bereavement)** had nothing to report.

Old Business

- Fr. Jeff Kemper will no longer be able to be our speaker for our Leadership/Liturgy Day. **Fr. Del will find another speaker.**
- The day originally reserved for Leadership/Liturgy Day (Sat., Oct. 19) is no longer available. **Sat., Oct. 26 has been penciled in as the new date, pending calendar approval.**

Liturgical Evaluations (March & April)

Taizé, Soup and Service: All who attended reported a beautiful service, including one gentleman who had never been to a Taizé service, and who really, really loved it. Peggy White noted that it was not as dark as previous Taizé services, probably due to it being held later in the year. Fr. Del made note that the picture of Jesus hanging in the Sacristy was not used an icon, although this was purchased for this exact purpose. **Paul said he would remember to bring out the icon next time.**

Palm Sunday: Need to make sure all Ushers and Greeters know that palms are to be given to everyone immediately upon arriving at church. **Presider needs to be closest to church, with back to front doors to ensure proper sound from wireless mics.**

Holy Thursday: Some mentioned the beauty of the music for all the Triduum. Fr. David remarked the liturgy went very smoothly. Holy Oils Presentation went very well this year. Mandatum – lengthy discussion was had on how to get more people to wash each other’s feet. Janet noted people went in family groups, and once the family was finished, they went back to their pews, not washing anyone but their family’s feet. Paul suggested having a more pew by pew invitation to feet washing, hopefully getting more people to try it. **It was decided to try and encourage a more “Communion-like” procession to the feet washing, with Ushers inviting people by pew to get their feet washed.** Procession with the Blessed Sacrament went very smoothly.

Good Friday: Discussion around how many liturgies to have on Good Friday, given the number of people in attendance. **It was decided to reduce the number of Stations to only one at noon, but to keep the 2 Liturgies at 1pm and 7pm.** The number of hosts consecrated (on Holy Thursday, 450) was good. **It was decided at Dottie’s suggestion to make Communion on Good Friday more like a funeral, where instead of lining up in front of the steps of the Sanctuary as on a Sunday, EM’s will come into the Sanctuary and receive their plates directly from the**

presider. Janet brought up the poor attendance at Stations of the Cross during Lent. Discussion ensued around possibly changing the day to another day of the week. This was voted against, and **it was decided to make sure Stations were advertised on the large street sign, as is the Fish Fry.** It was mentioned that some EM's were consuming a lot of leftover hosts, **we will try and make sure the EM's know that they should give Communicants 2 or 3 hosts towards the end of Communion, as opposed to trying to consume all the leftover hosts themselves.**

Easter Vigil: Tom mentioned he thought the Vigil was very good overall. Presider mic problems due to people converging around the front doors, blocking the signal from the wireless mic to its receiver. **Presider needs to be closest to church, with back to front doors to ensure proper sound from wireless mics. Fire will be moved closer to the doors of the church. Assembly will be on other side of fire, furthest from church.** Lectors needed more light during Liturgy of the Word, and Paschal Candle threw a large shadow across the Lectionary Binder. Fr. Del mentioned moving the candle forward. Janet suggested a desk lamp for the ambo. Fr. Del suggested a book lamp for his Psalm Prayers. Janet also suggested bold print for the Lectionary Binder. **It was decided to test the lighting after the last Good Friday Liturgy, and make appropriate changes, including the ones suggested here.** The Procession to the Font went extremely well this year, by virtue of having it accessible via both sides. Fr. Del would like the Song of Praise to be moved up and sung as a 2nd Communion Hymn.

Easter Sunday: Everything went very smoothly, and the 7:30am Mass time was perfect. No parking issues.

May Crowning: Fr. David mentioned this has turned into a night for just 2nd and 8th graders, and suggested moving this from a Wednesday night to after an 11:30am Mass on a Sunday. **Fr. Del was going to re-think all of May Crowning.**

First Communions: Paul noted his opinion that these were the best FC's since he's been here. Mindy noted that since Jesus Day was so far from their first Communions, the kids didn't know where to go regarding the wine. Fr. David mentioned that School and REP needed to be on the same page regarding the 2 species.

Preparations for Upcoming Liturgies

No upcoming liturgies need to be prepared.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm with prayer.

Next meeting Monday, September 9, 2019.