

Worship Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

7:30 pm Dc Terry's office

In attendance: Deacon Terry, Joan, Dorothy, Louise, Trini, John and Karen

Dorothy opened the meeting with a prayer.

New members were introduced: Pureeh Santosdias representing the Prayer Groups and Sharon Miglioralo representing the Lectors.

Deacon Terry presented a reflection on entering a new Liturgical Year – going from Matthew to Mark.

October minutes: accepted as presented

Parish Council Meeting report from John: John unable to attend. No date available for next joint meeting.

Old Business:

- **2008 Advent/Christmas Brochure** reviewed and approved. Members thought it was inclusive and readable. Question raised if all holy day masses would be at 7PM now and not 7:30PM. Parishioners may need to be reminded of this. We were assured that the mass schedule for Christmas was as stated and no extra masses would be added.
- **A&E** up-coming seasonal look presented. A date for maintenance help with Advent set-up needs to be obtained. A&E will be setting up the Friday after Thanksgiving. For Christmas there will be only fresh flowers in the church. New luminaries will be purchased. A&E members considering having luminaries lined up outside as well – still working on that.
- **Music** for the seasons already selected and practice has begun. Hand bells will be used if enough people volunteer for training. There are currently 2 – 8 are needed.
- **All Souls Day** Members felt the liturgy was beautiful and relaxed.

New Business:

- **Epiphany (Jan 4th) and Baptism of the Lord (Jan 11th)** will be celebrated on Sundays. We will celebrate the “season of lights”.
- **Catholic Education week** – we still do not have a “theme”
- **Feast of Christ the King (Nov 23rd)** is the close of the Liturgical year. This fact should be addressed in the homilies.
- Fr. Jerry will chant the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ before mass begins on Christmas. Baby Jesus will be carried in only at the Midnight and 4PM masses.
- **Feast of the Holy Family (Dec 28th)** Solemn blessing should be done over ALL the people as family is hard to define.

● **Stewardship:** Comment made that not all ministries were represented on the table in the narthex. Only those needing help were highlighted. All will appear in material mailed out.

● **New Mass Format** going very well. Still some hesitation and slight confusion. Ushers need to be reminded to hold up the gift bearers until the altar is prepared. Servers need to be reminded that only the Deacon or instituted acolyte is to set the altar (EM cap if necessary). EM's are to come up to the altar as soon as the priest has consumed the precious blood. The canter should be the first to receive so he/she can resume duties.

● **Round the table thoughts**

- What is the status of regular, professional, cleaning in the church and chapel (as is currently done in the school and Ministry Center)?
- Reminder that flowers from the feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe need to be cleaned up by Saturday afternoon.
- Announcements from pulpit should be when mass starts. NO earlier.
- As Dorothy sends out sympathy cards it is necessary she be notified re; funerals. Please add her to the existing e-mail list
- Collection baskets need to be replaced
- Current 'reserved' signs are dangerous. New ones are in sacristy but may need weights or fixation aide. Ushers will be asked for input.
- Mice have been spotted in the Chapel and Church. Can an exterminator be called in?

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm with a closing prayer by John

Next Meeting: scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 2nd at 7:00 pm in Dc. Terry's Office. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

Respectfully submitted by Joan Gilleran-Strom. 11/6/08