

## **Worship Commission Minutes 6 March 2007**

**Opening** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tom Murray at 7:35 p.m. and the opening prayer was delivered by Trini; Deacon Terry reflected on the Triduum. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

**Attending** - John, Tom, Guadalupe, Karen, Louise, Joan, Trini, Dorothy, Deacon Terry, Chit, Ken, Samantha, and guest, Matthew Nathan.

**Parish Pastoral Council report** was delivered by John.

1. Each commission is urged to recheck the newly formed goals and the time schedule for fulfilling the goals.
2. Budget needs per commission to fulfill the goals are to be submitted by the end of the month.

**Joint Commission Meeting report** was reviewed by Tom and will be emailed to all members by him. Special emphasis was made on the commission's concerns for the Youth.

It was questioned as to why some of the report that Tom made at the meeting, on behalf of the Worship commission, was not included in the final Council scheduling.

### **Lent**

1. Evaluation forms for Lent should be updated by each member and returned after Lent to Tom.
2. Less people attended Ash Wednesday services and the opportunities to receive ashes this year from previous years.
3. Quiet time at the onset of masses is working well with the reminder from the cantor and the dimming of the lights.

**Facility Evaluation Committee** was explained by Tom and commission members can expect the leaders in their groups to be asked to participate in a written survey of the areas that they utilize in their ministry.

### **Eucharistic Ministry changes**

1. Deacon Terry reported that the Holy Father and Bishop Sartain have issued an order that changes be made in the purification of the cups for the Precious Blood.
2. After Mass, the Eucharistic Ministers are now to consume all the Precious Blood and leave the emptied cups on the counter in the sacristy.
3. A priest, deacon or acolyte will purify all cups after the Masses.
4. The new procedures are being explained to the EM's prior to each mass, and at the conclusion of the distribution of Communion.

**Parish Mission** is March 11 -12 -13, and all other parish activities should cease and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Staff mandatory.

### **Art and Environment issues**

1. Because of maintenance's problem with the planting of the Lenten dormant trees, it was suggested that the trees be offered for "sale" after their usefulness in the church and chapel. *Obtain buyers prior to the season.*
2. Deacon Terry was asked to mention to the staff that the "old" Blessed Virgin statue be donated to a needy parish. *It is currently located in a place and position that could cause it to be damaged.*
3. Because of the crowded conditions on the stage in the Ministry Center, it was suggested:
  - A. A request to be made from the pulpit or in the bulletin that a volunteer parishioner might offer to repair the damaged altar on the stage. Also, Lupe will check with his relative to see if he could do the job after Easter.
  - B. Deacon Terry will ask the staff if the tabernacle could be donated to a needy church. There is no need to retain it at this time, and it has not been used since brought to the Ministry center in 1995.
  - C. The school will be asked to clean away some of their items. **Note:** *while checking the stage on 8 March, Terry observed that the stage area was quite well organized, both school and liturgy items, and spit-shine clean*

**Additional altar servers** will be trained, after the team of Don Randolph, Lupe, John and Terry visit classrooms to invite new students to ministry.

**The number of Liturgy of Word handouts** for children will be reduced during the summer months. *A cost saving measure.*

**Lenten handouts** were well received. If there be any changes, it would be to reduce the wording. *It was suggested that it include only Fr. Tony's letter, the service schedules and the Lenten regulations/disciplines.*

**Scrutiny Reading changes** A to C cycle, need to be made earlier so that the music can be selected to relate to the readings. **Note:** *change may have been initiated by Fr. Tony to enable Mission presenter to not have to prepare two separate homilies. Repentance reference will be made in the Rite.*

**Holy Week suggestions:**

1. Consider the Knights be a part of the procession to the altar of repose. It is difficult for them to come into position after the service, due to the crowds leaving the church or going to the altar of repose to pray.
2. Ushers who sign up for the Holy Week services will be urged to come early.
3. Silence should be stressed prior to all the Holy Week services, especially on Good Friday.

**Bilingual Missals** were endorsed by the Commission and should be ordered in the future. *This will provide both a cost savings and better usage of them.*

**Elijah Cup** prayer sharing for vocations will start after Easter. Bulletin notice, pulpit announcement, sign up and start up, in that order. All materials are in and ready to go. We will try to have the bishop bless the cups at the April 27<sup>th</sup> confirmation Mass.

1. It will take place at three Mass times, 5pm, 8:30 and 10am, on a monthly basis, with different families.
2. Scheduling at these liturgies will depend upon other parish events taking part on a given weekend, or the mass itself.

**Holy Land artifacts** will be on sale after masses next weekend, 17-18 Mar.

**First Sunday Stations of the Cross** was an awesome event, for those who attended. Big crowds, great mass attendance, and no food served.

**Next meeting** - Deacon Terry will notify members when and where the next Worship Commission meeting will be.

**Closing** - The meeting closed with a prayer at 9:15pm, by Lupe.

Respectfully submitted, by Dorothy Jaskey, on 7 March 2007.

Edited from my notes, prior to distribution, on 9 March 2007. Dc. Terry