

Worship Commission Minutes: Tuesday, 1 May 2007

Attending:

Tom, Joan, Deacon Terry, Louise and Dorothy

Opening Prayer & Reflection:

The meeting was opened at 7:45 p.m.; prayer was led by Deacon Terry followed by a reflection on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Minutes:

Minutes of the March 6 meeting were approved.

Pastoral Council Report:

There was no Pastoral Council report. John was absent.

The next Pastoral Council Joint Commission meeting will be Tuesday, May 8; in the Ministry Center, main floor.

Facilities Committee Meeting report:

Tom talked on the Facilities Survey; all the input from the commissions and the staff will now be reviewed by an architectural team, which will be hired for this purpose. Knowledgeable parishioners on the committee will work with this team.

A copy of the report from Tom Norton will be sent an addendum.

Follow-up on previous discussions:

1. Nothing has been done about repairing the altar in the Ministry Center-3 people are looking at this job.
2. The statue of Mary is still in the closet in the church narthex-input has been given Tom Norton and Dan Tobin-should be hung w/ the crucifix in MC, when done.
3. Lenten trees have not been planted-addressed, but action as yet not taken.
4. No changes have been made to the overcrowded conditions in the small meeting room in the church-construction of a room-dividing closet wall begins in June.
5. Deacon Terry will talk to the ushers regarding the movement of furniture and respect for Art and Environment items in the narthex-to be done.
6. No action has been taken about the donating or selling of the tabernacle in the Ministry Center-Terry will talk again about this w/ Tom Norton & Fr. Tony.
7. The Elijah Cup blessing and plan for vocation prayer intentions will be on the second weekend of each month-starting in June.

Donation of the corpus for the Ministry Center:

The commission agrees with the staff's suggestion that the new corpus be placed on a cross to replace the one in the church. The church crucifix would then be hung in the Ministry Center. Monetary value and size are the criteria for our decision.

However, this suggestion must be approved by the donor of the corpus.

New Altar Servers:

They are being trained, beginning on 5 and 21 May-school students from the 4th & 5th grades. They will appear on the new schedule in June, as not to lose their fire/desire.

New liturgical concerns:

1. The vegetable gardeners will be asked to plant the used Easter plants-do not want them for the garden. Will use in the south floral/tree garden.
2. The question of the safety of the children for Liturgy of the Word was addressed and it was said that all measures are being taken; the minimum age for the children should be five (5) years old, unless accompanied w/ parent.
3. Consideration is being given to eliminate the 10:30 a.m. Sunday mass, in the chapel, during the summer.
4. Jonathan is leaving in June. Therefore, there is need for another / new organ accompanist. A suggestion was made to look on college campuses.
5. **A must!** Both worship spaces –chapel and church – need good professional cleaning, at least twice a year; (once would be a good thing). This cleaning should be done prior to a major parish event, rather than after it: enhancing the spaces in which almost all parishioners see, when attending Mass.

Cleanliness and the repairs to items within the buildings that are in disrepair would make an instant impact on the people and possibly on their wallet, too.

Purification of the sacred vessels:

The sacred vessels: cups & bowls can only be cleaned by a priest, deacon or acolyte. At times the vessels have been left in the sacristy, on counter, without being tended to.

The Precious Blood is to be drunk by the Eucharistic ministers and the cup left on the counter. This is what the liturgy rubrics (rules) term as “wet purification.”

The emptied bowls/patens are to have the host crumbs brushed into a wine cup and put away. This is “dry purification” not to be confused with “wet purification.”

Lenten evaluations forms:

Please e-mail or send to Deacon Terry, as previously asked. Your opinions are taken into account when we plan a future season and are greatly appreciated. Thanks.....

Holy Week Evaluations—Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday:

1. Palm Sunday liturgies were not as crowded as in past years.
2. The blessing palm bouquets of (CCW) need to be made a bit smaller.
3. There was confusion on Holy Thursday, with the foot-washing ministers not knowing what to do and items being moved prior to the service. Everything was in place and assignments were given but items were moved.
4. **NOTE!** Training for all the ministers participating at any of the Holy Week liturgies (specifically Triduum Services) need to be held one week earlier than this year, prior to Palm Sunday.

5. Good Friday presider needs to be made aware of the procedures at the service. Fr. Mathew changed thing prior to the beginning of the liturgy. Thank goodness deacon Don and Terry were at least able to go through it before the service began, but it was most unfair to the choir and Karen who prepare so well for this.
6. Consider in the future having the outdoor Passion of Christ dramatization (Stations of the Cross) done bilingually, as other services; there were long monologues that English speaking people could not understand.
7. Easter liturgies must be only 45 minutes long, and begin as the church is full.
8. Consider having extra liturgies in the Ministry Center for the 8:30am and 1:00pm Masses as well as those we are doing already.
9. **More EM's were needed at the 7 and 8:30am and 1pm Masses—full compliment, at all the masses, narthex as well.** EM's must be reminded to watch the line of communicants, so the hosts can be fractured, as need be, so as not to run out during distribution of the Eucharist.
10. Distribution of the precious Blood is not essential at the masses in the MC.

Coming events:

1. A farewell reception is being planned for Fr. Matthew, Larry, Jonathan (if he is available), and Denise, in early June.
2. Weekend of May 19-20 is May crowning at the beginning of each mass-replaces the Rite of Penitence.
3. First Communions start the first weekend in May with the group communions being the weekends of May 12 and May 19, finishing on the 20th.
4. The feast of St. Isidore will be celebrated at the school mass on May 16, and remembered in the intention of the masses on 12-13 May, which is also Mother's Day—there will be a blessing for all the moms at the end of each mass..
5. Pentecost is May 26-27 and the gifts of the Spirit is the theme fitting into the new 'charisms' workshop on the 15-16th of June. Confirmations of the ASF group participants will be at the 5 and 6:30pm masses w/ Fr. Tony presiding.
6. Solemnity of the Holy Trinity will be celebrated the weekend of June 2-3; and Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood on the weekend of June 9-10.
7. Fr. John Kenny, a retired priest of the Joliet diocese, and now a missionary in Ecuador, S. A. will speak at all masses on the W/E of June 16-17th, w/collection.
8. There will be a charismatic healing mass w/ Fr. Fernando Suarez, on May 23rd. after a life in the Spirit seminar with our teen in the afternoon.

Closing:

The meeting closed with prayer, led by Deacon Terry at 9:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Dorothy Jaskey on May 2, 2007

With additions by Dc. Terry on May 8, 2007

