

LITURGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Helen Collins, Bill Graham, Ken Barnes, Barb Montoia, Randy Howe, Roni Vetter, Jim Manz, Linda Licata, Fr. Mark, Mary Jo Hartmann

OPENING PRAYER

Barb led the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Approved.

PLANNING TEAM REPORTS:

Holy Week—Linda Licata reporting *See Handout*

Mass Times:

Holy Thursday and Good Friday-----**7:30 p.m.**

Easter Vigil---**8:00 p.m.**

Easter Sunday---**7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.**

Easter Season—Randy Howe reported for Easter Season Team Chair, Mary Anne Howe.

See Handout

The team would like a cascade of flowers extending from the Easter Candle down to the base of the Ambo. This would be introduced the 2nd or 3rd week of the Easter Season. Also the idea of additional candles dispersed among the cascade was discussed. The idea is to show that the assembly is an extension of the Light of Christ. Mary Jo and Helen thought the candles would be a distraction from the Easter Candle. Ken will look into whether or not extra candles are even allowed and examine the idea more closely. Helen recommended contacting Fr. Mark for his input.

Ken stressed it is important to keep the flowers fresh and plentiful throughout the Easter Season.

CATECHESIS *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, “How Does It Work”

FOLLOW-UPS:

SIGNIFICANT DATE(S) IN HISTORY OF MMOC to consider celebrating

It was agreed that June 10th, the anniversary of when MMOC was canonically established, would be the best day for an annual all-parish celebration. It was decided that we would put this on hold because of our upcoming change of pastor.

VESTIBULE ENVIRONMENT

The process has begun to clean up the vestibule.

- Helen reported she presented the vestibule environment issue to the Parish Council for their consideration and attention to the “junky” look of the vestibule. She stressed the vestibule is part of the church environment and we strive to have a warm, welcoming space for all who enter to worship. She stated Deacon Dick indicated, at the meeting, he was in charge of the vestibule and the posting of any kind must be approved by him before displaying ANYTHING.

- (Helen had spoken with Pat Dean, head of Mary Mother certificates, before knowing that Deacon was in charge of the vestibule, and Pat agreed to try a smaller table and to relocate it away from the outside wall. John Siesener was to purchase a 4-foot table, now subject to Deacon's approval.)
- Barb Montoia passed out photos of the vestibule which clearly illustrate the cluttered, unattractive environment currently in the vestibule.
- Barb and Chris Schmitz, Coordinators of Environment, will consult with Deacon Dick about any suggestions for changes or improvements to the vestibule.
- Barb will work on getting communication out regarding the policy in place which calls for people to get approval from Deacon Dick before placing anything in the vestibule.
- As one leaves the worship space through the center aisle doors, the goal is to have business to the left and warmth and welcoming to the right – toward the exit doors.
- Barb and Chris will work on creating warmth, color, texture, etc. on the brick wall facing the center aisle doors by hanging banners and/or perhaps quilts made by our children in the summer school. Deacon Dick has stated he is having ceiling lights installed in this area.
- It was agreed that the FOCA posters should be taken down now that the campaign is not running.
- To start with, Barb and Chris will clean up the vestibule for Holy Week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EUCCHARISTIC MNISTERS

- Bill reported that he has had a parishioner approach him about wanting to be a Eucharistic Minister. Due to Fr. Ed's absence, Fr. Mark will determine whether or not to approve the individual.
- Anyone with ideas for possible names of youth qualified to be a Eucharistic Minister should email Bill Graham as soon as possible in order to include them in the May 6th ministry workshop. These youth should be at least in their Junior year in the Fall.

PETITIONS

- Mary Ann Schulte is writing petitions for Lent.
- Linda Licata is writing petitions for Holy Week.
- Ed Goergen will write the petitions for the Easter Season.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

- Jim has been visiting the 11:15 and the 9:30 Masses encouraging Hospitality Ministers to actively welcome people at all the doors.
- Jim will emphasize the importance of welcoming at the workshop.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

No report

LECTORS

No report

SERVERS

- Fr. Mark will offer more server training before PSR ends.
- Fr. Mark expressed an interest in getting someone to assist him in recruiting, training, and scheduling servers.
- There is a need for more adult servers.

ENVIRONMENT

- Barb and Chris are ready for Holy Week and Easter.

LITURGY DIRECTOR

- Spring Ministry Workshops are scheduled for May 6th.
Hospitality Ministers and Lectors---6:30 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers and Cantors---7:30 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Mary Anne Howe is the newly elected head of Liturgy Commission.
- Randy Howe is the Vice Chair and will stay on as the coordinator of Lectors.
- Ad-Fin is working on ways to save money.
- The Archdiocese is also experiencing the financial crunch.
- The installation of the new Parish Council will be at 11:15 Mass on Sunday, May 24th.
- Fr. Ed's going away luncheon will be on Sunday, May 24th after 11:15 Mass.

CLOSING PRAYER: Barb led the closing prayer.

Next Liturgy Commission meeting and Helen's LAST meeting is on May 7th.

Prayer Volunteer: Bill

Catechesis: *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, pages 22-23. "The Sound of our Prayer"

All of us on the commission are extremely grateful for the tremendous contribution Helen has made to our parish these past two years as head of the Liturgy Commission. Helen's extensive knowledge of Liturgy and her incredible organizational skills have been invaluable. Thank You Helen!

Mary Jo Hartmann
Secretary