

Liturgy Commission Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2009

Holiday Dinner/Meeting at the home of Randy and Mary Anne Howe

Attendance: Helen Collins, Jim Manz, Fr. Mark, Barbara Montoia, Carl Hendrickson, Randy Howe, Ken and Barbara Barnes, Betty Courisky, Roni Vetter, Mary Jo Hartmann

Minutes: December 2008 Minutes approved

Planning Team Evaluation:

October Liturgies: Carl Hendrickson reporting **See Handout**

- Next year, the team would like ALL life to be represented on Respect Life Sunday including the disabled, plant life etc.
- Next year, the team would like a banner representing World Mission for Mission Sunday.
- The team was very pleased with how the priests went out into the pews at the Healing Masses.

Other Discussions:

- Helen read positive feedback from the Liturgy Evaluation Forms.
- Randy asked about the status of our discussion last month concerning cutting back on announcements. Fr. Mark said it was discussed at the last staff meeting. Fr. Mark said they are trying to cut back on the number of announcements and that the sale of MMC Certificates would not be announced.
- It was brought up that a permanent calendar could be placed in the corner of the vestibule on the PAC side with pertinent information.
- Mary Mother's Website was discussed. It was agreed that the website needs improvement especially when it comes to communicating with the church office and staff.
- Also, if there is a website, it is important to keep it updated and user friendly.
- Helen will take the discussion of the website to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- Helen shared that where she attended Mass on Christmas in Maryland, a most powerful and touching moment occurred. After all had received Communion, Santa Claus came down the aisle and received Holy Communion. He was not seen before that moment nor after. It was a beautiful example of keeping Jesus in the center of Christmas. Interest was expressed about the possibility of doing that at Mary Mother.

Committee Reports:

Petitions:

- Linda Licata is currently writing petitions.

Hospitality Ministers:

- Jim has been making a special effort to bring Hospitality Ministers OUT into the vestibule to greet parishioners.
- Fr. Mark has noticed that Hospitality Ministers have been more visible.
- Randy stated that he had Hospitality Ministers watching HIM greet people on Christmas.
- Randy suggested that Parish Council Members should be in the back of church greeting people also.

Children's Liturgy: No report

Lectors: No Report

Eucharistic Ministers: No report

Exposition: Betty reported that she was disappointed that the flier she had wanted to go into the bulletin promoting Adoration was placed on the bulletin tables instead. Randy stated that he felt people like taking the papers on the tables.

Servers: No Report

Environment:

- Many compliments were given to Barbara and her partner Chris concerning the environment for the Christmas Liturgies. Ken asked Barbara for ideas for the Winter Liturgies in Ordinary Time.

Director of Liturgy:

- The Lenten Enhancement Team consists of Judy Reuter, Sue Berkel, and Alice Weis.
- Ken talked with Diane Piantanida and Ed Lewandowski about getting the Confirmation class involved in a Liturgy (as a special choir) after Confirmation is over.
- The Confirmation Retreat is in February.
- The Teen Choir will be scheduled for the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15.
- The Women's ACTS Retreat group has asked Ken to do the music for the Mass they attend after the retreat.
- Much discussion took place about getting the Confirmation kids involved in church (not just Youth Group) AFTER Confirmation.
- Barbara suggested that the kids should be INVITED to serve in certain church ministries.
- Roni agreed that shy kids need to be approached.
- Fr. Mark said that in the Confirmation Interview, the kids could be asked how they would like to serve.
- Barbara suggested that a committee of parents (not many – one to three people) should be formed that would be focused on getting the kids involved in different areas of service after Confirmation.
- Helen will pursue the idea.

Parish Council:

- Helen reported that Parish Council elections are coming up and encouraged everyone to be thinking about nominations.

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2009, 7:30p.m.

Prayer Volunteer: Helen Collins

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Hartmann