

**LITURGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 5, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE**

Helen Collins, Bill Graham, Ken Barnes, Barb Montoia, Mary Jo Hartmann

**OPENING PRAYER**

Ken led the opening prayer.

**MINUTES**

Correction: The Cantor Workshop is NOT May 7<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will be rescheduled for a future date.

**CATECHESIS** *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, “From Here To There”

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

Helen passed out a list of dates compiled by Linda. Due to low attendance at the meeting, discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**NEW LITURGICAL CALENDARS**

Ken distributed Liturgical Calendars for 2009-2010. Helen will take copies to the Parish Council as an aid to them when scheduling Commission activities and events around scheduled parish liturgical celebrations i.e. Installation ceremonies, First Communion, etc.

**VESTIBULE ENVIRONMENT**

Chris Schmitz and Barb Montoia (Coordinators of Environment) - in response to parishioners observations that the vestibule is looking “junky” and “like a row of billboards” - are interested in sprucing up the vestibule in hopes of creating a more inviting place for parishioners to gather.

Their goal is to remove clutter and brighten up this space. The whole church environment begins in this space – as people walk through our doors - and it should be inviting.

Possible ideas to consider are:

- Move all information down to the St. Anne Room end; thus, keep business at one end of the vestibule and socializing at the other.
- Make use of the bulletin boards and eliminate easels or at least cut down on their use.
- Make keys to the bulletin boards more accessible; perhaps have more keys made.
- Keep all literature on shelves.

- Add a ledge to the wall opposite the coat hooks to be used for flyers etc.
- Hang banners on the brick wall opposite the center doors that lead into the church proper.
- Use a smaller table for selling MMOC certificates.
- Provide benches.
- Ask Deacon Dick to add additional lighting to the vestibule.
- Also – for the church proper – replace the rough wooden stands we use for various things like the prayer petition box, etc. with nicer stands that could be made to match the design of the candle holders, altar, etc.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MNISTERS**

- Bill reported that the new schedules are out and the workshops for all liturgical ministries is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **PETITIONS**

No Report

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

No Report

### **CHILDRENS LITURGY**

No report

### **LECTORS**

No report

### **SERVERS**

No report

### **ENVIRONMENT**

- See previous notes on Vestibule Environment.

### **LITURGY DIRECTOR**

- Ken visited the Confirmation class and went through songs with them. Several of them sat behind the Teen Choir at the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Mass. Some expressed interest in joining the choir. Ken will keep connecting with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at their retreat.
- “Laid back” psalms are being used during Lent.

- It was discussed that it might be a good idea for Ken to keep special instructions short and simple when it comes to leading the congregation in song. It was agreed that it is good thing to change up the hymns and involve the people.
- Ken asked the commission if he should use the altered version of Amazing Grace which does not include the phrase “wretch like me.” Ken shared that some people do not like referring to themselves as “wretches”. It was unanimous that we should keep singing the original version.

### **PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Helen presented the Parish Council and Ed Lewandowski with the idea of getting the Confirmation teens more involved in Liturgy and service. The interview process will be altered so that the teens can express an interest in what they would like to do. A small committee will be formed to follow up on making sure there the teens are invited to serve.
- Parish Council elections are the next two weekends.
- MMOC is falling behind budget at the rate of \$4,000 a month for the past 10 months. A detailed report has been requested.

**Next Liturgy Commission meeting is on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Prayer Volunteer: Barb Montoia**

**Catechesis: *Liturgy with Style and Grace*, pages 20-21. “How Does It Work?”**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ken led the closing prayer

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Secretary