

Prayer & Worship Committee Minutes
August 24, 2015

Attendance: Fr. Ralph Gross, Mark Gould, Sandy Dorff, Cheryl Snyder, Debbie Hendrick, Sue Siepmann, Mary Pfaff – Pastoral Council Liaison

Visitor: Carol Pinter

Opening Prayer & Mission Statement
Minutes of June 22, 2015 approved

Old Business

Feedback

- July 4th – 5pm Mass went well
- July 12, Outdoor Mass – best weather ever, 175 people attended, many helpers this year (cleaners, transportation, set-up)

Eucharistic Adoration

- The recent efforts to promote Adoration have resulted in additional people coming on a drop-in basis, one new regular and two new subs. Debbie reads the Closing Prayers when she is not there alone.

Liturgical Lay Ministry Updates

- Altar Servers:
 - We are having a difficult time filling server positions. There are very few servers available or willing to serve at the 8am & 5pm Masses, and many do not show up or get a sub when they are scheduled.
 - We have had some adults serve at 5pm & 8am Masses.
 - Mark will follow-up with Joe Senglaub, the coordinator/trainer for servers, regarding ideas to increase Altar Server numbers and attendance.
 - We have three men who will serve at weekday Masses. (Paul K., Ernie M. & Dick B.).
- Cantors
 - There are some new cantors and all of the scheduled cantors are showing up for their ministries.
- Lectors – Carol Pinter
 - Carol would like her position to be “Coordinator of Lectors” instead of “Head of Lectors”
 - There will be a Lector Enrichment/Training session entitled “Problems with Paul” on Sept. 26 after the 5pm Mass and repeated on Sept. 27 between Masses (9:15-10am) held by Fr. Chuck & Carol. Enrichment sessions will occur once or twice a year in the future. Carol is available to train new lectors at other times as well.
 - More lectors are needed for 5pm & 10:30pm Masses
- Ushers
 - We are in need of ushers at all Masses.
 - Cheryl will contact Rita Mezydlo (Usher Coordinator) about scheduling on-going AED training & updates for ushers.

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Art & Environment Committee

- Sue will invite those who have expressed an interest in this committee to the September meeting for discussion about Advent art & environment. (We will not be on site at St. Bruno at October meeting.) The discussion will be scheduled at the beginning of the agenda.

Budget

- Cheryl will contact Pam Schmitt to determine where we are with the current budget.
- **Keyboard** –Mark
 - A newer model of the keyboard we wish to purchase will be available in September. It will have same dimensions as the model Mark originally picked out, the price will be about the same, and it will have some important upgrades (better recording, etc.). Cost will be \$5100-\$5200. Approximately \$3000 has been donated. The price does not include delivery & we will need to pick it up in Madison.

New Business

Catechetical Sunday

- Sept. 19/20 at all Masses - We will bless and commission those who are teaching at our Parish School and Parish Faith Formation.
- Bulletin cover will reflect Catechetical Sunday

New Committee Meeting Schedule –

- The Prayer & Worship Committee will continue to meet on the fourth Monday of the month. Our meetings will be held at St. Bruno during odd months of the year (Jan., March, May, July, Sept. & Nov.) and at St. Paul during even months (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.). It may not be necessary to meet every month. Meetings will be from 7-9 PM. Fr. Ralph & Fr. Chuck will attend each meeting as needed for the most important aspects. Our agenda will be arranged to reflect this.
- Monthly committee meeting schedule for St. Bruno & St. Paul is as follows:
 - 1st Week: Monday - Faith Formation, Tuesday – No Meeting
 - 2nd Week: Monday - School Committee, Tuesday – Human Concerns
 - 3rd Week: Monday -Finance Council, Tuesday – Stewardship Committee
 - 4th Week: Monday -Prayer & Worship Committee, Tuesday - Pastoral Council

Liturgy Committee at St. Paul

- Chair is Marcy Dunlap. Sandy will contact Marcy regarding Sept. meeting room. We will need to speak with St. Paul regarding December meeting date.

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Exultation of the Cross

- Monday, Sept. 14 – Feast is celebrated when it falls on a Sunday

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul -Sept. 27

- The St. Vincent de Paul society will celebrate on Sept. 9, which is the feast day of the founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Reports:

Fr. Ralph Gross, Pastor – none

Mark Gould, Director of Liturgy & Music

- Many positive comments from the recent “Contemporary Music” Masses. Note: in much of the contemporary music the pronouns are “I” and “me” as opposed to “us” and “we” in more traditional music.
- Choir starts on Sept. 13
- The change of staffing at St. Bruno has been ok so far.
- When will discussion take place regarding the future Mass schedule at each parish when Fr. Ralph retires? Who will have a say?

Mary Pfaff, Pastoral Council Liaison

- Pastoral Council would like to have their installation at a 10:30 liturgy. September 13 suggested.
- September 20, after the 10:30am Mass – annual St. Bruno Picnic

Carol Pinter, Green Team

- The Team is interested in ways to incorporate Pope Francis’s encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*, or *On Care for Our Common Home*, in our parish/liturgy
 - Suggestions include: having hard copies of the encyclical available to parishioners & including related intentions in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass
 - Sept. 1 – Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Creation. It has been in existence for many years but Pope Francis is now asking us to embrace this.

Next Meeting: Sept. 28, 2015 7pm at St. Bruno

Closing Prayer – Synod Prayer

Prepared by Sue Siepmann