

Prayer & Worship Committee Minutes

October 26, 2015

Attendance: Fr. Ralph Gross, Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Mark Gould, Sandy Dorff, Cheryl Snyder, Debbie Hendrick, Anna Marie Filipiak, Sue Siepmann, Louise Diodato – Pastoral Council Representative, Rita Borowski – Parish Consultant

Guests: Rebecca Ramage, Kathy Galando, and Carol Pinter

Opening Prayer & Mission Statement
Minutes of September 28 approved

Old Business

Advent

- **Theme**
 - No overall theme this year - focus will be on each week's readings.
- **Art & Environment Subcommittee**
 - Rebecca and Kathy scheduled an initial meeting Monday, Nov. 9 at 4:45pm at church for anyone interested in helping.
 - Mark will reserve the Parish Room & put an announcement in the bulletin inviting others to the meeting.
 - Anna Marie will check if the school is having a poinsettia sale – if not, we may offer the opportunity for a “memorial” poinsettia donation for Christmas. *note – the school is not selling poinsettias this year so the group will discuss memorial poinsettias at their Nov. 9 meeting.
 - \$1000 is budgeted under “flowers” for this fiscal year. Contact Cheryl if in need of more than budget allows. Additional allowance comes out of “supplies”.
- **Advent Wreath**
 - Will be in its usual position (altar steps) with all four candles in place. We will not be carrying the candles up in the entrance procession.
 - A lighter will be needed near the wreath.
 - Sacristans will ask an individual or group to light the candles.
 - Those who will be lighting the candles will join the entrance procession behind the Lectors and in front of the Eucharistic Ministers. Instead of stopping in front of the altar with the rest of the procession, they will go stand near the wreath until the lighting.
 - Wreath will be lit at the beginning of Mass.
- **Sacramental Aids - Mark**
 - 20 lector books were ordered. The lectors were blessed as a part of the general Prayer & Worship commissioning earlier this year.
 - A few Liturgical Reference books were also ordered as an additional resource for clergy, director of liturgy, etc.

Liturgical Lay Ministry Updates

- Ushers – Cheryl will follow up with Rita Mezydlo.
- Eucharistic Ministers – Joe Kershek would like to do a training session in early 2016. Sue will follow up with him.

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- Lectors – 26 lectors in total. We have two new lectors who are spouses. A question has been raised about whether they should be scheduled for the same Mass for fear that if an illness arose, they would both be absent. The consensus was that they could be scheduled together if they would like to be & we will see how it goes.
- Servers – Sue will follow up with Joe Senglaub

Budget

- **Music** – slightly over budget. There will not be a fruit sale this year. Mark will contact Eddie Phillips to see if the eighth graders would like to have it.
- **Liturgy** – presently under budget.

Other Old Business

- **Keyboard Dedication** - November 22 for the feast of St. Cecilia.
- **Green Team**
 - Debra Schneider met with the Green Team regarding *Laudato Si*. They have some new materials to look over which include some petitions – Carol will send to Mark. Also there are some on the USCCB webpage.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 12 in the Science Lab at St. Bruno School from 7-8:30pm.

New Business

November Masses

- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day is a Sunday
- Nov. 2 – All Souls Day (Monday) - will have regular 8am Mass & also the Mass of Remembrance at 7 PM
- Nov. 22 – The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – we will have commissioning of all who fall under Prayer & Worship ministries.
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Mass - 9am at St. Bruno, 8am at St. Paul
- Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent

Mass Education & Evangelization Initiative

- The ad hoc group originally came up with 10 Priorities. They were submitted to the priests for their input. Some were sent back to the group for further development and others were approved. Some priorities were combined and a few were tabled for the next meeting (Feb. 2, 2016)
- The present priorities can be very briefly summarized as:
 - Better recruitment & development of altar servers - referred to Joe Senglaub (St.B) & Michele Varick (St.P). Sue will be following up with Joe from St. Bruno.
 - General Mass education (small group study, informative bulletin articles & teaching Masses) - Peggy Kolonko, Mark Gould and Mary Kral will collectively look at this and coordinate efforts and ideas.
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word – St. B already has in place through our Faith Formation Cmte. St. P would like to increase their frequency.

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- Meet the Deacons – St. Paul would like to know more about the present deacons and both parishes would benefit from a deeper knowledge of their ministry (especially outside of liturgy). Sue will be meeting with the three present deacons to come up with ideas.
- Bible Studies that correlate with Mass readings, etc.– remarket what is already offered across both parishes under Mary Kral for better understanding of what is available.

Christmas Masses

- St. Bruno: Christmas Eve - 4pm and 10pm; Christmas Day - 10:30am
- St. Paul: Christmas Eve - 4pm, 6pm and 10:30pm; Christmas Day - 9am

Other New Business

- **Baptism** - Mary Kral is now handling Baptism preparation
- **Minutes** – Meeting minutes will now also be distributed to Jean Warren (Christian Formation Chair), Marcy Dunlap (St. Paul P&W Chair) and St. Bruno Sacristans (Debbie @ 5pm, Mary Pfaff @ 8am, Jim Brahm @ 10:30am)

Reports & Comments:

Mark Gould, Director of Liturgy & Music

- No Lessons & Carols concert this year as Mark has wider responsibilities.

Louise Diodato, Pastoral Council Representative

- Golf outing raised \$2000 more than last year.
- Pastoral Council members will be wearing nametags when at the parish and initiating conversation with parishioners with a predetermined question to engage parishioners & become more visible.
- Will discuss whether to continue Common Meeting night.
- Worked out pastoral goals for second half of 2015 - on the webpage.

Next Meeting: November 23, 2015 at 7pm @ St. Bruno

- The St. Paul P&W committee will begin their meeting at 6:30 pm. The priests will attend the St. Paul meeting from 6:30-7:30 and the St. Bruno meeting from 7:30-8:30 pm.
- Finalize Christmas
- Review mass attendance & how to get sufficient lay ministers. We average 500 people a weekend & need about 50 liturgical lay ministers.

There will be **no December meeting**.

Closing Prayer – New Evangelization Prayer

Prepared by Sue Siepmann