

St. Mary's of the Hills Worship Commission

Draft of Minutes for September 12, 2009

**** (Sections in parentheses need more detail....email me if you can help fill them in!)**

Present: Annette Kelly, Deacon Gene Kowalski, Nancy Richter, Darlene Kolpasky, Christine McGowan, Dan Greig, Mary Bomarito, Eileen Hohner, Susan Beech

Standing Committee Reports

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Rehearsals start this week. The choir will sing each night of the Parish Mission

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darlene Kolpasky

Will be scheduling a new training; may include lectors, ushers, etc. in one group. Could start with "Nourishment" training for all and break into service groups for instruction, updates, etc.

ACTION: Darlene will contact other groups to see who is interested and proceed with scheduling

Altar Servers/AV Technicians: Nancy Richter

Training is scheduled for this Tuesday. John Hundiak has volunteered to train the Holy Family students during the school day. Nancy will notify Holy Family of this so they do not send their students to the Tuesday training. Deacon Gene offered to assist John with the training of the Holy Family students. There have been some AV tech no-shows over the summer.

ACTION: Nancy plans to call all AV techs to re-confirm their commitment before the next schedule goes out.

Arts and Environment: Annette Kelly

Questioned whether flowers will be needed for the Parish Mission.

ACTION: Annette will follow up with Beth re: flowers for Mission.

Legion of Mary: Mary Bomarito

Rosary by Candlelight is scheduled for Sunday Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. Knights of Columbus will be a part of this day which will include a procession on the church grounds. Dan added that the Life Chain is this day from 2-4 p.m.

Hospitality, Sacristan and Lectors: No issues to report

Old Business:

Regarding clarification of how many years a member may serve on a commission Dan reported there is no formal requirement in the by-laws however most commissions follow the "3 years and Out" plan. This is a transition year and anyone who would like to move out or to another commission should be looking for a replacement.

New Business:

Offertory sign-up: Mary would like to have a book in a designated spot so people can sign up in advance to bring up the offertory gifts.

ACTION: Mary will follow up on this.

Mass Intentions: A few parishoners have complained that the mass intentions are not mentioned during the Prayers of the Faithful as we used to do. The group discussed the issue. Fr. Stan clarified that this procedure was changed so that the Prayers of the Faithful reflect more general intentions of the church community. Intentions will continue to be mentioned at the beginning of the mass.

Notification of parishoner's death/funeral arrangements: A concern was raised that we do not adequately inform the parish community of the death of a parishioner and/or their funeral arrangements. St. Andrew's publishes a picture and obituary type notice in the bulletin. Various options, pros and cons were discussed.

ACTION: Dan and Mary will work up a format for the information to be conveyed. They will ask Mary Margaret Brosch to display it at the welcome center.

Parish e-mail list: Darlene asked if there is a master email list of all parishoners. Christine reports the office is working on that.

Stations of the Cross: The commission wants to install traditional stations inside the church. We are also in need of new candelabras. It was suggested that we could get them from a church that is closing.

ACTION: Christine will get the password to the church clearinghouse website from Fr. Stan and look for these items on a weekly basis.

Representation on Parish Council: Discussion of who should attend the Parish Council meeting following the Worship Commission meeting ensued. Christine indicated both the Worship Chairperson and back-up Chairperson as well as the Parish Council Rep and back-up Rep should attend.

Deacon Gene informed the group that he will be having a total knee replacement surgery on Sept. 29 and will be out of commission for some time. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Parish Mission: Dan asked for suggestions about how to promote the mission to the members of St. Mary's. Suggestions from the group were:

1. Sign on John R- To include the title of the mission, dates, etc. Nice looking and visible. **ACTION:** Eileen will bring a roll of vinyl sign material to church Dan. Dan will investigate having a sign screen printed.
2. Advertise in the Michigan Catholic- \$300 for a regular ad or can advertise free in the community news section. **ACTION:** (????? WHO/WHAT....NOT SURE)

3. Letter to all parishoners- Beth is working on a letter to include in the “State of the Parish” letter that is going home this week. Some suggestions were bold colored paper, make it look like a movie ticket, and make sure it is on top of the main letter, not at the back. Other suggestions were to clearly define what a Mission is and isn’t, get testimonials from St. Anastasia parishoners who heard him speak last year, clarify how it is different that GIFT, and that we are not asking for money (although donations will be accepted). ***ACTION: Beth***
4. Each parish group is asked to promote it among their members. ***ACTION: All***
5. Entire congregation will be praying the “Prayer for our Parish Mission” during mass for 1 month prior to the Mission. ***ACTION: Dan (?)***
6. Bill Wegner will speak at/after all masses the weekend just prior to the Mission
7. Phone call to each parishioner personally inviting them to come to the Mission. Fr. Stan suggested getting teens/SMYG to help with this. ***ACTION: Christine will ask Bob how this was accomplished for CSA***
8. Have childcare available to encourage people to come even if they have young children. Youth can help but there have to be adults who have taken the “Protecting God’s Children” training. ***ACTION: Sue will coordinate with Peggy to get the names of the ladies that are used for GIFT and will contact them.***
9. Notify other parishes in the surrounding area and invite them to come. ***ACTION: (???? Not sure who said they were doing this.... But I could if you’d like; just let me know which parishes....)***

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