

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

April 12, 2014

Present: Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Holly Foldessy, John Hundiak, Katti Galli, Fr Stan

Standing Ministry Reports

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Choir concert is scheduled for Friday May 2 in the church. The Hand Bells will be dedicated at that time. Choirs are ready for Easter and Holy Week.

Update on sound system: Estimate preliminary bid is \$30,000. Will be asking for additional \$23,000. This will upgrade everything except the actual hanging speakers. Will be adding sub woofers for lower frequencies. There will be no acoustical treatments. All equipment will be upgraded.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Katie Galli

Will likely implement changes after Easter.

Readers: Tim December

Not present. Ready for Holy Week and Easter.

Altar Servers/Media Ministers: Mike Soisson

Not present. Nothing significant to report.

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

Discussed Easter decorating.

Ministers of Hospitality: Steven Cody

Not present. No report.

Dan updated us on emergency guidelines from a recent staff meeting. There will be a red binder with poison ingestion, evacuation process, etc. There is a committee consisting of Arnie, Dan and Chris.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

No issues to report.

Evangelization: John Hundiak

No report today.

Budget: Dan Greig

New budget starts July 1. Dan will be submitting. There will be new line item categories.

Upcoming Liturgical needs.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Beth will contact Mike S to remind him about altar servers.

OLD BUSINESS

Mission was a success.

Holy Communion to the sick. The guidelines for communion to the sick will be researched by Deacon Joe and then the parish will be educated on this. We will also meet with Fr Stan about this. We consider a “comfort Ministry” to take communion immediately after mass. We also discussed reverence for those coming to the communion line with a Pyx. This will be an ongoing discussion. Beth B and Deacon Joe will likely meet with Fr Stan in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a joint meeting between the Parish Councils of St Andrews and St Mary of the Hills. Beth B attended and gave a brief report. Since St Andrews is our collaborative parish, there will be ongoing communication.

Communities of Salt and Light Report:

Questions for April to discuss:

1. *In what ways are our social ministry efforts rooted in Scripture and spirituality, and connected to liturgy and prayer?*

We do have prayers of the faithful on a regular basis that pray for social justice.

We feel that the underlying message of social justice is “out there”, but how well do we tie in the message of make it understood. ie: St Michael’s food pantry.

We do have speakers come to mass throughout the year and do have regular collections for social justice causes; some are outside our community and worldwide.

2. *How effectively does preaching at our parish reflect the social dimensions of our faith?*

We think it is made, but how clear is it and it is recognized as such?

People seem to respond to needs, but are they *connected*?? Need more education through preaching. This would be a growth area.

There will be a new set of questions for May:

How do parishioners become aware of these opportunities for service and action?

What direction do our service programs provide to our parish efforts in advocacy-in changing the conditions that create poverty and suffering?

Next meeting is Wednesday May 14, 7:00 PM at HFRS.

Submitted by Beth Belesky