

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

May 14, 2014

Present: Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Holly Foldessy, Karen Dudek, Dan Greig, John Hundiak, Katti Galli, Mike Soisson,
Fr Stan

Standing Ministry Reports

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Choir concert was Friday May 2. Was very successful. The Hand Bells were dedicated. Update on sound system: Installation likely at the end of May. There will be a learning curve and it should be operational by the end of June. Dan notes that all who use the microphone will need to be trained, including all Readers.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Katie Galli

Will likely implement changes for Communion distribution to altar servers and EMEs in June. Katie and Mary B will work on the time table. There was discussion about Communion distribution to the homebound and to Mercy Bellbrook. Katie will further check into the process at Mercy Bellbrook. Deacon Joe, Fr Stan and likely Beth B will continue to work on parish guidelines. We want to be sure that the utmost respect is given to the Eucharist as it is being taken out of the church. Fr Stan was present for this discussion. There were no specific resolutions at this time.

Readers: Tim December

Not present. Will be training 4 new readers. Dan asked that all readers be trained specifically with the new upcoming sound system. Tim will work directly with Dan on this.

Altar Servers/Media Ministers: Mike Soisson

Nothing significant to report. He is made aware that changes will occur for distribution of Communion to the altar servers during mass and they will need to be informed.

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

Easter season looked beautiful. We had a good collection for the Easter flowers.

Ministers of Hospitality: Steven Cody

Not present. No report.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

No issues to report.

Evangelization: John Hundiak

No report today.

Budget: Dan Greig

No issues at this time.

Upcoming Liturgical needs.

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Holy Communion to the sick. See EME ministry report.

Easter Season: the mass on Easter Sunday in the Gym needs more dedicated ministers for Holy Communion, ushers and training to run more smoothly and be on par with the mass in the church. We may need to adjust the Easter mass schedule again.

Divine Mercy was well attended. Karen D brought to our attention the fact that Benediction is no longer permitted at the end of this devotion. She has seen in another church where the Divine Mercy chaplet was sung during communion on DM Sunday so that the entire parish can be exposed to this. We could still have a separate chaplet later in the day. This will be an ongoing discussion for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Communities of Salt and Light Report:

Questions for May to discuss:

1. *What direction do our service programs provide to our parish efforts in advocacy-in changing the conditions that create poverty and suffering?*
2. *How do parishioners become aware of these opportunities for service and action?*

A suggestion was to assess the way that SMOTH is structured. How do we model for those we want to influence? The community, our parish?

How are we educating the parish regarding social teaching of the church? For example, does the average parishioner know the stance the church takes on homosexuality today so those individuals feel at home in the church?

How can we reach those not contributing financially? How can we find them? Maybe they need OUR help and we need to reach out to them.

We discussed individuals tithing, which is not well preached or described in our parish.

Personal witness on this could be powerful and change our parish.

On a larger scale regarding problems that create poverty, i.e. lack of transportation for jobs, ect, it seems that society is putting band aids on the wounds, rather than preventing the wound in the first place.

As for enacting change, we say that we want to support the youth, but how are we doing that at the very crucial college level which is where so many youth have their faith shaken or even lose it? There are programs on public campuses, such as InterVarsity. In fact one of our own parishioners is working at Uof M in this ministry. We could get her involved at the parish level to increase awareness.

Finally, what to do we value as a Catholic community? How do we show that? Perhaps we challenge every parishioner to get into just one area of focus. That would be a small start.

Next meeting is Saturday June 14, 8:00 A.M. at SMOTH.

Submitted by Beth Belesky