

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

February 21, 2015

Present: Anna Marchese, Dan Greig, Holly Foldessy, Karen Dudek, Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Steve Cody, Angie Kustasz, Tim December, John Hundiak, Fr. Stan Ulman

Recording Secretary: Karen Dudek

Opening Prayer: DanG. KarenD will lead next month. Worship is also responsible for the prayer service in the chapel for the next committee meetings. Dan, Karen and Anna will work on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Mass for Shut-Ins

Attended by Mary, Karen and Janet Sheerin. The letter sent to the parishes would benefit from updating so Karen will contact Joe Balistreri with that info.

Ash Wednesday

Choir led the way with silence and the atmosphere was prayerful. There was no meditation song so no applause. A slide will go up after the meditation song on Sunday to remind us of sacred silence. Anna wrote a note for the sacristy which Mary B. will show to the Mass celebrants. Dan will also speak to celebrants so they do not initiate applause. Prayer of the Faithful went well. Keeping an open dialogue with Carol Gunther during the transition time to be sure to achieve goal as smoothly as possible.

Lent

Special collection March 22 for Operation Rice Bowl. Anna is going to ask Jennifer Stembridge to add the 2-page bulletin insert on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to the website. Need to change time for Stations of the Cross to 7pm in the insert rather than 6:30. Bulletin articles on the Seven Deadly Sins are being published each week. It was decided that Anna should be the point person for anything that gets published so there is no confusion.

NEW BUSINESS

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is back on the calendar. Anna will contact Jennifer S. about putting the time on the website with Mass times

Holy Week/Easter

Mass times for Easter will be 8:30 am, 11:00 and 11:15 (gym). This also needs to go on the website along with Vigil Mass time. We will use a sign in the narthex the week before Palm Sunday to advertise Holy Week and Easter Mass times (March 21-22). Readers are all set for Easter. Ushers will use a sign-up board. We will plan to be as proactive in planning the Easter

gym Mass as we were for the Christmas Eve 4:15 Mass, so that it will run just as smoothly. A lack of parking for Christmas and Easter was discussed. Anna will mention to the Parish Council. Sr. Grace wants to have special collection March 22nd for Operation Rice Bowl and a Prayer of the Faithful. Holly is making a decoration for ORB in the narthex.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Angie Kustasz

Angie has a database up; almost all have responded. Only 2 outstanding corrections need to be made. Certificates are on the way from the AOD. Once those are distributed, we will proceed with commissioning the EMEs who are already trained and active but not officially commissioned.

Communion to the Homebound – Talked about having a Eucharistic Minister help explain the procedure to people so the Mass Coordinator doesn't have to do it. Proposed eliminating the announcement since people are confused and go up to get a pyx without realizing they have to prepare a pyx to go up on the tray before Mass. Talked about the ministers going up after the consolidation when the assembly sits down and making that their signal instead of an announcement. A slide could also perhaps alert the ministers. A server could bring the tray with pyx from the altar to the ministers. Fr. Stan wants to implement the change next weekend (2/28-3/1). Beth will write a message for the bulletin.

Action Items: Begin new procedure for Communion to the Homebound, write bulletin message to educate ministers (Beth)

Readers: Tim December

Readers are scheduled through Lent and Easter, though Tim will begin sending reminder emails for special Masses, ex. during Holy Week. All readers are prepared for both regular readings and Scrutinies during Lent for the RCIA. Readers are in favor of pause during Prayers of the Faithful; Tim suggested keeping prayers to a minimum for emphasis just through Lent. Anna will send Tim the reading that Fr. Stan typically uses for Healing Masses.

Action items: Reminder emails during Holy Week, (Anna) send Healing Mass reading to Tim

Prayers of the Faithful Writers

No representative but keeping in touch with Carol G. about continuing prayer pause.

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Dan has 7 singers enrolled in the NPM Workshop next week at St. John Vianney Parish. Sunday, April 26th, at 5:00 pm, there will be a Jazz “Vespers” with prayer sponsored by the music ministry and CRS. Dan is looking to recruit more singers in both ensembles, especially altos.

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

Discussed the procession for Easter Vigil and decided on 14 people for the right size. Palms are ordered and Holly is all set for Laetare Sunday. She asked Dan to let her know what kind of set-up will be needed for the Jazz concert so that decorations can be adjusted accordingly.

Altar Servers and Media Ministers: Mike Soisson not present, sent report

Rosters and procedural documents are still needed for the binder. Mike will contact servers and techs soon for Holy Week and Easter Masses. It was mentioned that next year on Ash Wednesday, servers should receive ashes first; this will be added to Lent notes. Communion is also sometimes inconsistent; Mike can communicate to servers to receive first at their station.

Action items: Send in updated documents, schedule servers and techs for Holy Week and Easter, remind servers of when to receive Communion

Ushers: Steven Cody

Rosters and procedural documents will be sent in by Monday. Steve is getting new badges for the ushers, and has talked to ArnieV about the procedure. He is planning to use the sign-up board to schedule ushers for Easter.

Action items: Send in documents, order badges, set up usher board

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

Mary expressed concern with the Good News Minute including more announcements. This matter will be discussed further at a later meeting.

Budget: Dan Greig

The budget is due before the next meeting; let Dan know if there is anything needed by any of the commissions.

Next meeting is Saturday, March 14th at SMOTH.

Submitted by Anna Marchese