

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

March 14, 2015

Present: Anna Marchese, Dan Greig, Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Steve Cody

Opening Prayer: AnnaM

OLD BUSINESS

Lent

Got off to an enthusiastic start encouraging sacred silence, but are noticing that some habits are creeping back in as Lent continues. The slide after Communion does not give a clear enough direction that silence is to replace applause for the Meditation song. It will be re-worded this weekend to be clearer. Other ideas were discussed for breaking the habit of applause after Lent, and the discussion is ongoing.

There has been a very positive response to the pauses in the Prayers of the Faithful, though we agree that the wording in the prayers is not always conducive to that format. Many members would like to see the format continue after Lent, but if it does, there will need to be a concerted effort put forward both to instruct the writers and train the readers for the sake of consistency. AnnaM will follow up with CarolG and TimD.

There will be a special collection on March 21 and 22 for Operation Rice Bowl. Dan will work out logistics with Sr. Grace. Steve will make sure the money collected is deposited into the safe.

Documentation Update

Reconciliation is on the website listed with Mass times. The binder has all updated rosters and procedural documents except for altar servers and AV techs.

NEW BUSINESS

Communal Penance 3/24 7 PM

DebV has started contacting priests. Anna will follow up this week. Tim has a reader scheduled, and all the rooms are booked on the calendar.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday: Need ushers, servers, an AV tech, people to carry the oils, and people to have their feet washed (possibly the Cody and Sanbourne families). It was suggested that the congregation's response be put up on a slide as the oils are processed in. The new sound system will help the music during the procession to the Chapel. Taize service will be the same time as last year, using the same booklets.

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross: May need one extra reader if the Deacon is not there, will use one cross for veneration.

Living Stations of the Cross: Calls are out for musicians; will likely be Chris from Holy Name. Living Stations will be done at Bellbrook on Tuesday night as well.

Easter 4/5

Easter Vigil: Bill Dierkes will try to help coordinate the Mass, but is not for sure yet. Need ushers, servers, and an AV tech. Mary has list of candle and flower ladies, but still needs to confirm with them. Dan is working on cantor assignments. The candle-lighting will take place outside like last year; will have a new video hook-up to improve quality. It was suggested that a reader make an announcement to draw the congregation's attention to the lighting, while Fr. is outside.

Steve will set out the usher board this weekend to start scheduling ushers for Easter Masses, and Anna will follow up with Mike about servers and techs. Mary will work on signing up EMEs ahead of time, especially for the 11:15 Mass in the gym. GeraldineM will play the music for that Mass with BrianC as a cantor. Dan suggested that the altar be moved from the Chapel to the gym on Holy Thursday.

Divine Mercy Sunday 4/12

Mary needs to call Bert, and a cantor needs to be scheduled. She will also arrange Rosary leaders and JanetS will print programs. At least one server or adult acolyte is needed, and Anna will ask Deb to call an additional priest to hear confessions during the service. Discussion is ongoing about the inclusion of Benediction and whether the format of the service will change next year.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Readers: Tim December not present, sent report

Readers are all scheduled for Holy Week and Easter. Two new readers will be trained on 3/31, and four others at a later date. Tim likes how the pause in the Prayers of the Faithful has slowed the readers down, but agrees that the wording sometimes makes this awkward. MaryB noted that there have been more no-shows lately. Anna will follow up with Tim.

Action items: Reader training

Prayers of the Faithful Writers

No representative but Anna will talk to CarolG about the prayer pause and possibility of keeping the new format. BethB mentioned a request from a parishioner to include prayers for the persecuted church within the prayer for peace in the Middle East. Anna will also pass that suggestion on to Carol.

Action items: Decide on whether pauses during PoF will be extended, communicate with Carol about adding prayer for persecuted church

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy not present, sent report

Holly has scheduled the rehearsal for the Easter Vigil flower procession for 1 PM on April 4th and reserved the conference room for storing the flowers. She is working on Holy Thursday and Easter flower orders, and has ordered pink flowers for Laetare Sunday. She is in communication with PeggyC about flowers for the Easter Vigil reception.

Altar Servers and Media Ministers: Mike Soisson not present, no report

Action items: Send in updated documents, schedule servers and techs for Holy Week and Easter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito

The new procedure for Communion to the Homebound is fitting more smoothly into the Mass. However, some people are still approaching the altar without having taken a pyx first. This weekend, MaryB will talk to visiting priests about how this procedure is done.

Ushers: Steven Cody

New badges have arrived, and Steve would like to increase a couple usher teams. He is setting up the sign-up board for Easter this weekend.

Action items: Set up usher board

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Jazz Vespers will take place on April 26th to support Operation Rice Bowl. Will put together a small committee to help put on this event. Will have Easter music set by this week.

Action items: Easter music schedule, arrange musicians and cantors for Living Stations, Easter Masses, and Divine Mercy Sunday

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

First Communions coming up 4/25-26 and 5/2-3. There will be a May crowning at the 11 AM Mass on 5/3.

Evangelization: John Hundiak not present, no report

Budget: Dan Greig

New budget is being worked out and has a lot of demands on it between new Sunday programming, a special project for music, and many departments asking for more \$.

Next meeting is Saturday, April 25th at SMOTH.

Submitted by Anna Marchese