

# **St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission**

## **April 25, 2015**

**Present:** Anna Marchese, Dan Greig, Mary Bomarito, Holly Foldessy, Angie Kustasz, Karen Dudek

Opening Prayer: Dan Greig

Recording Secretary: Karen Dudek

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Lent**

Communal Penance Service went smoothly but had a low turnout (60) possibly due to basketball games. There were 5 priests. No AV Tech so Mary Bomarito filled in doing slides. Service lasted 30 minutes. Lines for Reconciliation still long after 30 minutes. There were about 15 for Reconciliation at Tuesday morning Mass. Discussed advertising next year with Evangelization and Education Commissions, noting that attendance tends to be higher when service is closer to Easter, and when Fr. “talks it up” at Mass.

#### **Triddum**

Holy Thursday: Need to work out a few bugs in sound system during procession to chapel regarding tempo/echo trouble. Dan will leave a note to warn people not to touch speakers. During procession with sacred oils, new slides with responses for the community worked but for the first one. Next year we will include Father’s words as a prompt

Good Friday: There was some confusion when Fr. Leon directed the congregation not to kneel but it is a part of the prayer directives as read by the Deacon. Dan made a note to discuss this next year with the priest beforehand, and to review the format of the service as early as the February meeting. It was also suggested to include a slide directing the congregation to kneel during the procession with the Eucharist.

Easter Vigil: Went smoothly, though there was a lower turnout. It was suggested that candle ladies need to be cued so there is less waiting (either with an announcement or designating a leader). Slides during the scripture readings were great but perhaps too many and distracting/upstaging the readings. The harp during the Genesis reading was appreciated by some, distracting for others. Outdoor procession with Easter Candle was confusing; considering editing next year.

#### **Easter**

100 fewer in gym than year before -- 8:30 Mass was full – gym music went well – servers were unsure and need rehearsal – Spring Break is a problem with the servers. Anna will follow up with Mary PatS about Holy Week and Easter server issues.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

About 70 people attended. Bert Lord on organ and Charissa Los sang the prayer very well. It was suggested that another priest could help with Reconciliation, and that all the details of the service be reviewed beforehand with the presider (especially if it is a visitor). Also, there could be more advertising for the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Post-Lent Continued Changes**

Silence after Communion: The habit of applause after the meditation song was not broken and there is frustration because of unclear directions. People, especially the choir, want direction. Dan will discuss with Fr. Stan and is willing to address the congregation when choir starts up again after summer.

Prayers of the Faithful: Pauses began well and fizzled out. Will talk to CarolG about providing greater clarity especially for new writers. Also, it was discussed that the office could reformat the prayers if they are not submitted in the form that we discussed.

### **First Communion and Confirmation**

First Communion will be weekends of April 25-26 and May 2-3, and Confirmations take place May 16 at 5 PM Mass (Ascension Sunday). Holly has flowers for pictures with the Bishop and the Holy Spirit banner is going up for Confirmations.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **Ushers: Steve Cody absent, no report**

Anna will close the loop with Steve C. about First Aid/AED training for ushers

Action items: Follow up and make plan for First Aid/AED training

### **Music Ministry: Dan Greig**

Jazz Vespers will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> to support Operation Rice Bowl. Music Ministry Concert will be kids only (Children's Choir, Praise Kids, Handbells, and Jesus Jams)

May 31 at 11:00 Mass all music ministries will participate – Banquet follows with fellowship and a chance to recruit

### **Readers: Tim December not present, sent report**

There have been some absences lately but Tim is aware. Two new readers have been trained, and the summer schedule will be out in May

Action items: Summer schedule

### **Prayers of the Faithful Writers: CarolG absent, no report**

See New Business re: format of prayers

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Angie Kustasz**  
Diane will be holding a training meeting for new EMEs. Anna will talk to her about the date. After training, Angie will take next steps on commissioning with AOD.

Action items: Close loop on the training date, ensure that names and contact info are recorded

**Altar Servers and Media Ministers: Mike Soisson not present, no report**  
Server rosters and procedure documents are still needed.

Action items: Send in updated documents, discuss server issues during Holy Week/Easter gym Mass

**Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy**

Flower donations of \$635 covered 56% of the cost of Easter flowers. May (3<sup>rd</sup>) crowning coming up at 11:00 Mass. Holly will be dealing with a new company handling flowers. She will be getting white flowers for Graduation mass and Corpus Christi (June 7)

**Sacristan: Mary Bomarito**

Nothing extra to report

**Evangelization: John Hundiak not present, no report**

**Budget: Dan Greig**

Nothing notable to report

**Next meeting is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at SMOTH.**

**Submitted by Anna Marchese**