

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

June 20, 2015

Present: Anna Marchese, Mary Bomarito, Holly Foldessy, Angie Kustasz, Mike Soisson, Steve Cody, Beth Belesky, Richard Danforth. Fr. Stan Ulman

Opening Prayer: Anna Marchese

Recording Secretary: Angie Kustasz

OLD BUSINESS

Corpus Christi

Procession went smoothly, going out a different door this year. Next year, songs for procession will be on one sheet of paper so that there will be enough handouts for all.

Slides

Congregation is doing fine with responses, but old slides are still going up occasionally. All responses will go up for weddings and funerals still.

End of Year Reflection

A great deal of progress was noted including: updating all the rosters and procedural documents in the binder (except AV documents), setting up electronic EME database, getting Communion to the Homebound ministry running smoothly, and smoother gym Masses at holidays. AV documentation is still in progress, as are the documentation for some special Masses. Recruitment also remains an ongoing goal. AnnaM expressed appreciation to the group for all their efforts in meeting these goals.

NEW BUSINESS

None noted until after the September meeting.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Angie Kustasz

Diane will hold another training in the Fall. MaryB still struggles to find EMEs at several Masses, especially special ones (like Confirmation, which are well attended but not always by regular parishioners). It was suggested to send an email to remind EMEs to sign up regularly and especially for these special Masses, as well as sending monthly reminders about dress code etc. Angie will send those electronic memos. She will also obtain the names and contact info of the three most recent trainees and submit those to the AOD for certification, as well as those EMEs in the database who have been trained but are not properly certified.

Action items: Collect names and contact info of new EMEs from DianeR, submit all EMEs to AOD who need certification

Altar Servers and Media Ministers: Mike Soisson

The goal this year was to improve attendance, so Mike and Mary Pat have sent out weekly email reminders to servers, which has improved the attendance issue a great deal. They have also asked servers ahead of time about conflicts in the schedule, which has

helped encourage those who are overcommitted to sit out of a rotation if necessary. There will also be email reminders about dress code. The numbers of servers are still steady; though some have graduated, those servers have been from the fuller Masses.

We are still in need of updated documentation for the AV techs, and punctuality is still an issue among techs. Recruitment and a long-term solution to this issue will be the focus in the Fall.

Action items: Add AV documents to the binder (Dan), brainstorm solutions and ways to recruit new AV techs

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

Recruitment goals were met, as new volunteers were picked up for Christmas and Easter and other special projects. Holly noted that most new volunteers were recruited by word of mouth rather than the ones who signed up at the Ministry Fair. There was discussion with RichardD about how to track the results of stewardship fairs to assess just how effective they are at garnering new volunteers.

One of Holly's goals for next year is to find a place for the four paintings in the sanctuary that were replaced by Stations of the Cross. It was proposed to put them in either of the Overflow rooms, but there is potential for damage there.

Over the summer, Holly will add hangers to outside pillars (for help hanging Christmas wreaths), and has been requested by the Funeral Ministry to add more ribbons to the memorial display in the church. Also, Holly and her husband Glen have made a manger for the gym Mass next Christmas.

Action items: Submit 2015 Easter order for binder

Ushers: Steve Cody

Six new ushers were added to teams this year, training is on-site, and recruitment is an ongoing issue, though Steve also reiterated that personal invitations are most effective. Anna asked if any of the ushers were trained to use the AEDs and if there was an emergency procedure in place. None of the ushers are trained on using these, to Steve's knowledge, but the Commission agreed that it would be useful for at least one usher on each team to know how to use them. This issue will be brought up to ArnieV.

Action items: Ask ArnieV about coordinating AED training for ushers, set up training

Readers: Tim December absent, sent report

Tim has met his goal of recruiting new readers, and has been up-to-date on all scheduling and documentation. A few "regulars" have been missing lately, and Tim plans to follow up with them.

Action items: Order workbooks for next year

Prayers of the Faithful Writers: CarolG absent, sent report

The pause format adopted during Lent will be discontinued. Commission would like a representative from the Prayers of the Faithful writers who can attend meetings next year;

BethB suggested getting in touch with John Payne. RichardD said he would like the prayer intention for peace to be re-worded to say “including those killed in the Middle East” instead of “especially.”

Action items: Follow up w/ Carol, get a representative for next year

Music Ministry: Dan Greig absent, sent report

Over 100 singers participate in music ministries, and Music Sunday helped to showcase that. Recruitment will be ongoing throughout the summer.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

KofC Patriotic Rosary on June 12th going to be an annual event, on the second Saturday in June.

MaryB noted that activities in the Narthex can be disruptive to Mass or Adoration; is considering hanging a sign asking for silence.

Action items: Follow up with Father on this issue

Evangelization: John Hundiak not present, no report

Budget: Dan Greig absent, no report

Next meeting is Saturday, September 19th at SMOTH.

Submitted by Anna Marchese