

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

## **September 19, 2015**

**Present:** Anna Marchese, Mary Bomarito, Holly Foldessy, Mary Pat Soisson, Beth Belesky, Fr. Stan Ulman, Karen Dudek, Dan Greig, Diane Ray, John Hundiak

Opening Prayer: Anna Marchese

Recording Secretary: Karen Dudek

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Documentation Update**

In good shape and mostly just in need of maintaining – good job everybody! Need documents for AV techs.

#### **Recruitment**

There will not be a Stewardship Fair this year, but an on-line census will be conducted instead during Lent of 2016. The Stewardship Commission asked for a Lenten theme to focus on discernment and asked if there would be a mission this year. Will follow up with Evangelization Committee. Discussed how our commission could reach recruitment goals, focusing on getting to know new people, making personal invitations, and bringing existing volunteers into leadership roles. DanG confirmed that the 4 new choir recruits had been invited personally.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Meeting Reminders**

Importance of looking at both strengths and weaknesses in discussion; we need to appreciate everyone's comments to be effective and organized and to represent voices in our community.

Action Items – to accomplish our goals, rather than leave issues open-ended, we should vote on any items that require decisions to be made so they can be acted on as quickly as possible.

### **MINISTRY REPORTS**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Diane Ray**

Diane reports that the status of new EME Certification is that Deb Valot has the list and it will go to the AOD. On days of new EME training, new volunteers write down their names and contact information, and Diane passes the list to Deb to submit to AOD. It is being worked out how the certificates will be distributed, and contact information will be given to Angie, who maintains the email list. When certificates are in, Diane would like to be informed rather than the Committee Chair. Angie can CC Anna and Diane on all email communications so that all are in the loop.

Next training session is October 18 from 12:15-12:30 at St. Mary's.

Diane will advertise in the bulletin and Mary will put in a Good News minute announcement.

The question of dress code came up. Policy is to “dress respectfully” for Mass. We understand that people may come to Mass at impromptu times or while traveling and may not want to serve in jeans or shorts yet their service is needed. We don’t want to embarrass anyone about their clothes. The best solution is to foster appropriate attire, especially in the leadership, as a model routinely. People who serve on the altar are especially visible – care should be taken to rotate all EMEs to those positions and not ones who want to be honored. People should not become territorial about ‘their place’ to stand while serving.

Action items: Follow up with Deb on status of certification, add new EMEs to email database

**Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy**

All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year. All Soul’s Day is next focus. Holly will add last year’s Easter order to Worship binder.

Action items: Submit 2015 Easter order for binder, plan All Saints/All Souls Days

**Sacristan: Mary Bomarito**

October 4: Pet Blessing and Respect Life Sunday. Ask Evangelization Committee if there will be any pro-life specific activities that day.

Little Blue Books already ordered and 350 are in, as well as 400 Little Black Books, 50 purple books (using left-overs from last year) and 200 Little White Books.

There will be a Rosary said for Our Lady of Fatima on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

Sports Mass for Holy Family coming up – AnnaM will check to see what date (Oct. 25 speculated), and will follow up with Holy Family principal/athletic director to request proper decorum and quiet from students at Mass.

Action items: Follow up with Holy Family re: sports Mass and Evangelization re: Respect Life Sunday

**Readers: Tim December absent, sent report**

Fall reader schedule is out; there are 36 readers and Tim is working on recruitment/new reader training goals.

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

After some complaints, commission would like to discuss criteria for prayers. One concern was parishioners’ objections to praying for reporters killed in Atlanta rather than a local policeman killed at the same time. Another was over the wording in our prayers for peace, such as “especially those killed in Afghanistan.” It was suggested to replace “especially” with “including.” It was suggested that readers review guidelines for writing prayers.

The need for a POF rep on the Worship Commission was reiterated. Term limits were also discussed especially since the Pof F is a good ministry to help form people in their prayer life and Evangelization. DanG said he would investigate term limits in other commissions and see what they are doing, suggesting a 3-year limit according to Rebuilt guidelines (1 year of being mentored, 1 year of leadership, 1 year of mentoring new leader, 1 year of staying on commission to advise).

Action items: Follow up w/ Carol, get a representative, follow up and vote next meeting on next steps

**Altar Servers and Media Ministers: Mary Pat Soisson**

Had training on evening of September 16<sup>th</sup> and another is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 20 after the 11:00 Mass. MaryPat will give the school a list of those trained. A new schedule will be set up and will be on-line. MaryPat expressed concerns over posting the server schedule on-line; could present a privacy or personal safety issue. Solutions (such as a password or simply sending personal email reminders) will continue to be discussed.

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

**Evangelization: Karen Dudek**

JohnH is stepping down as Evangelization rep; KarenD is new rep.

**Budget: Nothing new to report**

**Next meeting is Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at SMOTH.**

**Submitted by Anna Marchese**