

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

November 19, 2015

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

Opening Prayer: Karen Dudek

Recording Secretary: Angie Kustasz

OLD BUSINESS

Advent Prep

Theme is "Prepare the Way."

NEW BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Masses: 11/25 7 PM and 11/26 9 AM

We have servers and readers all set but still need to get AV techs.

Healing Mass: Monday 11/30

Beth will man the table, is doing advertising. All set with tables, ushers, readers. Fr. Leon is helping.

Christmas Masses

Children's pageant time change from 4 to 6:00 is being advertised and there have been no complaints. There will be a sign in the narthex. Various ministry issues will be discussed in reports below.

Saturday Mass Move to 4 PM?

DanG reported that attendance has been low at the 5:00 Mass with fewer than 300 people attending. He also reported that 4:00 Masses at other parishes in the area have been full. He suggested a year trial of the new time to evaluate whether it attracts more people. The question was discussed of how a change would affect weddings and whether servers and AV techs might be more difficult to obtain. Decided we would not know until we tried it and committee was agreeable so long as a 4:00 Mass benefitted the parish. The new time will take effect in July 2016.

Standing After Communion

A few people have asked if we could return to kneeling rather than standing after Communion. We discussed the original point was to establish unity; however we see disunity with more and more people choosing to kneel and a resulting tension. The length of time spent standing can be difficult for seniors, handicapped, the sick, or pregnant women. Weddings and funerals especially show the disparity when visitors kneel and mourners, wedding parties etc. sit frontward and do not see the parishioners standing. Decided to talk more about this in January.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Matter Conference was amazing and Dan will prepare a report with ChrisK.

2 concerts are coming up: Interchurch holiday event on December 6 at 7:30 at St. Andrew's. The choir will sing 2 songs. Rochester Community Chorus will sing with the Adult Choir on December 18 at 8pm at St. Mary's. Tim D. will get readers for the concert and they will work on getting people to usher, pass baskets, and AV.

Action items: Prep the choir, get report out on Matter Conference

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Angie Kustasz

AOD has not sent in certificates yet for new EMEs.

There will be a sign-up board for Christmas Eve 4:15 Mass.

Action items: Ask DebV about status of certificates

Prayers of the Faithful Writers: CarolG absent, no report

Hugh Buchanan will take over leadership of Prayers of the Faithful Writers in January.

Action items: Invite Hugh to Worship meetings

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

Holly is hard at work planning and preparing signs, poinsettia memorials, lantern procession. Will decorate the outside before the 12/18 concert. Christmas general decorating will be done 12/23 and all volunteers are invited and set.

Ushers: Steve Cody

AED training update – Steve is working with Chris Kozlowski on a date. Saturday, January 16th is a half-hour training with Nancy Buddy. Steve will send an e-mail to all ushers.

There's a new schedule for next year. 3 weeks before Christmas, Steve will set out a board for usher sign-ups

Action items: Keep recruiting.

Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson

There will be a training after school Nov. 30 at 3:45 so kids can just walk over from school.

Mary Pat is working on securing Thanksgiving servers and already getting Christmas servers. She plans to send a reminder to come 10 minutes early so their spots aren't given away. Still working out the bugs about how to receive Communion. Some servers seem confused so maybe it is best if EM goes to them.

Action items: Schedule Thanksgiving and Christmas servers, speak to EMEs about Communion for servers.

Media Ministers: Mary Pat Soisson

More techs are needed for each Mass. Considering using adults. There is an idea of a tech team that would know all the technology and equipment at the church and would be available for events to set up, etc.

Readers: Tim December

Christmas is booked. A good rotation of members is taking place and people are comfortable with the amount of reading they do.

Action items: Send a reminder for Christmas Mass and a note for Healing Mass for one or two readers

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

No issues to report.

Evangelization: Karen Dudek

Unable to report.

Budget: Dan Greig

No report.

Next meeting is Saturday, December 19th at SMOTH.

Submitted by Anna Marchese