

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

December 19, 2015

Present: Anna Marchese, Karen Dudek, Dan Greig, Tim December, Beth Belesky, Steve Cody, Holly Foldessy, Mary Bomarito, Angie Kustasz, Alex Stanaj, Hugh Buchanan, Fr. Stan Ulman

Opening Prayer: Anna Marchese

Recording Secretary: Karen Dudek

OLD BUSINESS

Healing Mass: Monday 11/30

43 attended, 2 priests presided, everything went smoothly. Some people seemed confused over whether to receive the sacrament or not, especially late-comers.

Christmas and New Years Masses

Volunteers almost all set; still looking for 2 EMEs for 4:15 Mass. DanG suggested projecting Year of Mercy info on slides.

Saturday Mass Move to 4 PM

Staff plans to conduct Survey Monkey vote among parishioners to see if there is a significant opinion about changing the time. New Mass time would take effect in September for the most realistic picture of attendance.

Year of Mercy

KarenD and PeggyC working on speaker series to talk about issues that don't come up in Mass or the homily, focusing especially on healthy relationships, beginning with our relationship with God. Evelyn VonSloten with SHARE program is coming in to talk to parents, want to get publicity for Mary's Mantle, highlighting Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. HughB can help w/ jail outreach. DanG suggested hosting speakers after Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent.

NEW BUSINESS

Leadership Changes in New Year

HughB taking over as Chair of Prayers of the Faithful Writers in January. Will send AnnaM the current rotation for the binder. PoF ministry is looking for two more writers.

AnnaM will be stepping down from Worship Chair in January and Mary Pat Soisson will take over. Mary Pat may possibly take over as PPC rep as well.

SWOC Self-Study Questions

Commission members will answer and send them in, focusing on how we recruit volunteers and train up new leaders.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

Holly and A&E team will be decorating the church for Christmas on Weds at 4 PM. Trees will be delivered in the morning. Holly has 14 volunteers scheduled, including high-school students coming for service hours. She is going to put up lanterns tonight, and will submit Christmas order for the binder.

Action items: Submit Christmas order for binder

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Angie Kustasz

E-mail was sent out to recruit volunteers for 4:15 Mass. There has been no word from AOD on latest certificates.

Action items: Check on certificates (again)

Prayers of the Faithful Writers: Hugh Buchanan

See New Business for report.

Action items: Try to recruit two new writers, submit writer schedule for binder

Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson absent

Still need servers for 4:15 Mass; there are 2 signed up for 10 PM Mass.

Media Ministers: Mary Pat absent

Tech needed for 4:15 Mass. After Christmas, DanG plans to actively seek out adult volunteer to take over AV ministry. This volunteer will chair the AV initiative to train techs, handle technology, and possibly train speakers to use the mic in the gym.

Action items: Recruit AV chair

Ushers: Steve Cody

Christmas sign-ups are a little slow this year. Steve will send out an email if sign-ups do not increase this weekend. AED training will take place 1/16/16 8:30-9 AM.

Action items: Follow up with volunteers for Christmas

Readers: Tim December

Readers scheduled through June, with new schedule in binder. Tim completed SWOC questions with additional research to structure responses. Will show AnnaM before submitting to PPC.

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

Almost 300 people attended Christmas concert; Dan was pleased with it, there was a good collection, and ads were sold in the program, which all help with the parish's savings account with AOD. Christmas Masses were advertised at the concert, and Facebook ad helped bring people in. Staff formed a social media committee, and is trying to pick 5 events per month to promote (such as advertising Christmas Masses). Perhaps the Year of Mercy speakers could be advertised this way. Dan meets with committee on the first Tuesday of each month.

Dan will report on Matter Conference in January.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

Little Black Books are here. Lent planning meeting will need to be scheduled during the January meeting as Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Commission agreed that mercy should be a central component of Lent theme.

Evangelization

Books and bookmarks will be passed out at Christmas Masses.

Budget: Dan Greig

Dan is communicating with Finance Commission about how money is allocated to different commissions. Says our spending should reflect what we value as a parish.

Next meeting is Saturday, January 16th at SMOTH.

Submitted by Anna Marchese