

St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission

January 16, 2016

Present: Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Hugh Buchanan, Steve Cody, Holly Foldessy, Dan Greig, John Hundiak, Angie Kustasz, Mary Pat Soisson, Fr. Stan Ulman

Opening Prayer: Mary Pat Soisson

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Sufficient volunteers were found for all holiday masses. The 4:00 and 4:15 pm Christmas Eve masses had strong attendance despite moving the Christmas pageant to the 6:00 pm mass.

Saturday Mass Time Change:

It was noted that many of the commission's volunteers are scheduled 4-6 months in advance. In the event of a time change, the commission will need advance notice to secure and schedule volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Lent:

The theme for Lent this year will be "Open Wide the Door of Mercy." The theme references both the Year of Mercy and Pope Francis' message of welcoming all God's people. Dan will send the dates for the Lenten schedule to Judy for the bulletin.

Healing Mass:

The next Healing Mass will be Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm.

Year of Mercy:

A suggestion was made for the parish to make available a pilgrimage to visit the door of mercy. The pilgrimage could include buses for transportation, a prayer service, and fellowship.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

There were many volunteers to assist with the Christmas decorations, including adults and high school students. The quality of the flowers was not as good as in the past and the florist has compensated the parish.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Mary Bomarito and Angie Kustasz

No word from the AOD on the certificates yet.

Action items: Check on certificates

Prayers of the Faithful Writers: Hugh Buchanan

There are currently four writers and two more are needed. Hugh will try to contact RCIA candidates from last year to see if anyone is interested.

Action items: Contact Peggy for names of last year's RCIA candidates

Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson

There were plenty of servers for the Christmas and New Year masses. Currently working on the new weekend schedule through May.

Media Ministers: Mary Pat Soisson

Currently working on the new weekend schedule. Dan will work to identify a person to recruit for an AV chair to coordinate the parish's AV needs.

Action items: recruit an AV chair

Ushers: Steve Cody

Had plenty of ushers to handle the large turnout for the Christmas masses. AED training will take place prior to the PPC meeting today.

Readers: Tim December (absent)

Sent a report. Readers are scheduled for quarter 1, quarter 2 and for the Easter season.

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

The choirs are learning new music to prepare for Lent and Easter.

Dan presented a short video from the Matter Conference. It served as a powerful reminder that we need to always be at our best as a parish—especially on the weekend when we have the majority of our contact with those new to our parish. We need to be vigilant in our efforts to help others feel welcome and included.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

The Knights of Columbus have donated money to purchase reserved signs for the pews. Mary is evaluating how many we may need and investigating the cost.

Action items: purchase reserved signs

Evangelization – Karen Dudek (absent)

Sent notes concerning ideas for events during the Year of Mercy. These include marketing in the bulletin/social media current ministries related to works of mercy, organizing a pilgrimage, printing cards with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to pass out to the parish, acquiring speakers about healthy relationship topics, planning prayer events such as adoration or rosary, and creating a St. Dismas group to pray for prisoners.

Budget: Dan Greig

Commission members need to submit additional budget needs to Dan before March 1st.

Next meeting is February 20, 2016, 8 am at SMOTH.

Submitted by Mary Pat Soisson