

St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2016

Members present: Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Hugh Buchanan, Steve Cody, Mary Pat Soisson, Deacon Alex Stanaj, Fr. Stan Ulman

Old Business

-Event Follow-up

-Confirmation went well with over 50 people receiving the sacrament at the 5:00 mass. Next year Confirmation is scheduled for a Friday evening since it is anticipated that over 90 people will be confirmed.

-First Communions-A suggestion was made to start the baptisms at 12:30 when they fall on the same day as the First Communions. This will allow more time to set-up for the baptisms following the mass.

-Corpus Christi procession-The procession was held indoors this year and went very well. A request was received by Fr. Stan from the Legionnaires to purchase the canopy that was used during this ceremony in past years. It was noted that the canopy is difficult to use because it is heavy and bulky. The commission recommended that Fr. Stan follow-up on the offer.

New Business

-Fr. Leon's sabbatical-Fr. Leon's last mass at St. Mary's is July 3rd at 9:00 am. He has been with the parish for 20 years and recently celebrated his 40th year of ordination. A slide will be prepared thanking him for his years of service at St. Mary's. It will run the weekends of June 18-19 and July 2-3. Another Marist priest is expected to join our weekend rotation.

-5:00 mass time change-Fr. Stan reminded the commission about the change in mass time from 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm during the months of November through February when setting up new volunteer schedules for altar servers, readers, ushers, etc.

-Special prayer services-A suggestion was made to offer special prayer services on a regular basis, perhaps monthly, following the 11:00 am Sunday mass. Each prayer service would focus on a different topic or group needing prayers and would last about 15 minutes. Hugh will follow-up with Fr. Stan and the other commissions. It is anticipated that the first prayer service would be in October.

Ministry Reports

-Altar servers: Mary Pat Soisson

-The summer schedule has been issued as well as a reminder that substitutes are often needed during the summer months. Have already received a few inquiries for new server training.

- Media Ministers: Mary Pat Soisson (Dan Greig absent)
 - The summer schedule has been issued. There is a shortage of techs for the 5:00 pm mass. Dan will train additional adults to assist at this mass. He will begin looking for an AV tech chairperson.
- Arts and Environment: Holly Foldessy (sent a report)
 - The balloons shaped like flames for the Confirmation decorations were unavailable due to the dissolution of the supplier's business. However, a new spot was appropriately decorated for pictures with the bishop.
- Ushers: Steve Cody
 - Everything is on track. Would like to recruit more volunteers to usher so we can add more ushering teams.
- Prayers of the Faithful: Hugh Buchanan
 - Collaboration with Tim December is ongoing to plan a working session and day of reflection for readers and prayers of the faithful writers. They are targeting late August.
- Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Ray absent
 - No report
- Readers: Tim December (sent a report)
 - The summer schedule is published. Sent a note to the readers to recruit a new chair for next year. There has been no response yet.
- Music Ministry: Dan Greig (sent a report)
 - Adult choir is on hiatus until the fall. The contemporary choir will continue through the summer.
- Sacristan: Mary Bomarito
 - A suggestion was made to have a badge for the Eucharistic Minister with the gluten free hosts. This would differentiate the gluten free host station from the others to avoid confusion, especially for visitors. Beth will make a clip-on badge that can be used and returned for each mass.
 - We need to submit dates for the calendar for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Mary and Mary Pat will review the upcoming calendar and submit dates and times as needed.
- Evangelization Committee: Hugh Buchanan
 - The committee is preparing for the Night Fever event following the Rochester fireworks on June 29th.
- Budget:
 - No report

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Pat Soisson.