

**St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes-April 22, 2017**

Members in attendance: Beth Belesky, Hugh Buchanan, Steve Cody, Holly Foldessy, Dan Greig,
Mary Pat Soisson

Old Business

-Holy Week/Easter-More choreography is needed to make a couple parts of the Good Friday service smoother. The Vigil went very well. Feedback noted that the church looked beautiful and the music was terrific. Some people arrived for the regular mass time of 9:00 am instead of 8:30 am. Despite the 8:30 mass being very crowded, the parking lot emptied in plenty of time for the 11:00 am mass. We may want to consider adding an additional mass time and not scheduling an 11:15 mass to accommodate the lack of adequate parking for the 11:00 and 11:15 masses. With record attendance at Easter, maximum capacity and fire code safety issues need to be taken into consideration for future holidays.

-Divine Mercy (4/24)-Everything is all set for this Sunday.

New Business

-Hospitality Team/Weekend greeters-We will work on finding a coordinator for this ministry. By starting small with 1 to 2 greeters per mass, we can continue to grow by building goodwill. Feedback from the greeters at Easter included many positive comments from attendees about having doors opened for them.

-Upcoming Events

-Taize Prayer (5/3) will be at 7:00 pm. Stations of Light includes resurrection scenes. Décor will include simple candles and the fire bowl from the Easter Vigil. Beth has submitted a bulletin article and slides from past services can be used. The youth group will be in attendance and assist as needed.

-May Crowning is scheduled for May 7th.

-Confirmation (5/12)-We will use the Easter flowers that are still in good shape and add red and white flowers. The Confirmation banner will also be used. Altar servers have been scheduled. Dan will arrange for an AV tech if one is not already on the schedule.

-Feast of the Ascension (5/28)-Holly will plan decorations for the Ascension.

-Flag pole banners-It was noted that some of the flag pole banners are tattered and faded, thus presenting an appearance that is inconsistent with our goal to be more welcoming. Dan will check with maintenance to see what is needed to remedy the situation.

Ministry Reports

-Ushers: Steve Cody

-There was a record number of attendees for the Easter masses. The largest increase was the 8:30 am mass with many young families attending. Coverage was good for Easter.

-Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson

-Scheduling for the summer will begin in May. Training for new servers has been ongoing. A suggestion to consider using more and younger servers was discussed. It is not feasible for St. Mary's due to maturity, space and duty issues.

-Media Ministers: Dan Greig

-Attendance for techs has improved as has the quality of their work. This is in part due to seating them up front where Dan can better assist.

-Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

-Donations for Easter flowers were higher than past years and covered 87% of the expenses.

-Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Ray (absent)

-No report

-Readers: Tim December (absent-sent report)

-Easter went well. A reminder was sent to encourage readers to help out if only one reader is present at mass. The new schedule will be sent out in May.

-Prayers of the Faithful Writers: Hugh Buchanan

-Christian Service and other parish groups have been helpful in identifying issues and contributing ideas for the prayers of the faithful.

-Music Ministry: Dan Greig

-Good feedback was received regarding the Easter Vigil and masses. On May 2nd at 7:00 pm, there will be a concert with all of the students in the music ministry.

-Sacristan: Mary Bomarito (absent-report given by Holly)

-A mass for Our Lady of Fatima will be held on October 14th.

-Evangelization Committee: Hugh Buchanan, Beth Belesky

-Continuing to work out the details of the prayer team proposal. Many new volunteers working on events like Night Fever, etc.

-Budget: Dan Greig

-Final budget is due this week.

Next Meeting is May 20, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Mary Pat Soisson