

**St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
May 20, 2017**

Attending: Beth Belesky, Dan Greig, Hugh Buchanan, Mary Bomarito and Steve Cody.

Opening Prayer: Beth Belesky

Old Business:

-Post-event comments-Taize Prayer, May Crowning, Confirmation, Youth/Young Adult Mass

- Taize prayer was well received by the youth Chris invited; estimated 40 people and 15 youth attended.
- May Crowning needs more coordination for the procession. It took a lot of time to pass out the flowers and move around the Church. It might help if the children can be assembled directly after Communion.
- Confirmation discussion yielded several things.
 - There were not enough Eucharistic Ministers or ushers for the Confirmation Mass considering the extremely large number of Confirmation candidates and their guests. This was probably due, in part, to the Confirmation being held on Friday evening instead of Saturday's 5:00 pm mass. Due to the lack of available seating, even the Choir chairs were filled with Mass attendees.
 - We will monitor the timing and number of Confirmation candidates for next year and adjust as needed.
- Youth / Young Adult (YYA) Mass
 - We need to make arrangements to mentor the readers. Beth and Hugh volunteered to assist for next year.
 - Suggestion that the group sit together as they do at SAW.
 - A longer discussion ensued regarding having a YYA Mass on a regular basis (I.E. First Saturday of each month). It would provide opportunity for the YYA and, as it becomes a predictable occurrence, might bring more YYA from the area for it....
 - Suggested the next YYA Mass be in July (SAW).

-Hospitality/Greeters

- Significant discussion regarding implementation of the greeting / hospitality effort resulted in the formulation of the following plan:
 - A short (about a minute) invitation before Mass on Sunday to join the greeting ministry at the Parish.
 - People are needed who have the ability/desire to warmly welcome mass attendees with a smile and a hello.
 - Ask Fr. Stan if he can reinforce it by including the invitation in his homily or (at the other Masses) as part of Good News.
 - Volunteers (9 AM-Hugh; 11 AM-Beth; 5 PM-?) to collect name of those who might want to join the ministry. Volunteers will use the lanyards for identification purposes.
 - The goal is to find three volunteers who might champion each Mass from the list gathered.

- The extent of the list by Mass time will determine the next steps. If there are enough volunteers for a Mass (10-15?), and a volunteer champion, begin as soon as possible. If not, try to begin in September.

New Business:

-Upcoming Events

-Feast of the Ascension – 5/28

-Pentecost – 6/4

-Corpus Christi – 6/18 Procession will duplicate last year....

-Identify Commission Leaders for 2017-18 – Chairperson, Council Representative, Core Team Member

- Mary Pat Soisson was re-elected as the Chairperson.
- Beth volunteered to be the third core member, since she was already fulfilling that role.
- Hugh was happy to serve again as the Parish Council Rep, but this hit a snag in the Parish Council Meeting. Hugh is also on the Vicariate Pastoral Council serving as an alternate for Sue Phillips, who is the designated Representative. Unfortunately, due to the bylaws she must step aside as the Parish Council Rep to the Vicariate. Sue will continue to serve at the VPC, but can't be listed as the representative to the Parish Council. The bottom line is that Hugh was asked to serve as the Parish Council Vicariate Rep, but it means we need another rep from Worship. Need to put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

Ministry Reports:

Ushers-Steve Cody

-Looking for more recruits.

Altar Servers-Mary Pat Soisson (sent report)

-Summer schedule to be released this week.

Media Ministers-Dan Greig

-Dan is getting close to defining the job description for the AV Tech position.

Art and Environment

-The Church looks beautiful...Easter was wonderful.

Ministers of Holy Communion-Diane Ray (absent)

-No report

Readers-Tim December (sent report)

-The schedule for the next quarter will be available in May.

Prayers of the Faithful Writers-Hugh Buchanan

-No report

Music Ministry-Dan Greig

-The Rochester Community Chorus has a concert tomorrow at 3:00 PM at SMOTH; cover charge is \$10.

Sacristan-Mary Bomarito

-No report

Mission Statement: To maintain, recruit, and train parish members to support the liturgical efforts of the parish.

Evangelization Committee Report-Beth Belesky and Hugh Buchanan

-Thought for the back of our minds: 100th anniversary of Fatima in October.

-Briefly discussed the Prayer Team Proposal and the efforts to move this forward.

Budget-Dan Greig

-No report

Next meeting is June 17, 2017 at 8:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hugh Buchanan and Mary Pat Soisson