

## **Worship Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, February 9, 2023, 6:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Lynn Collom, Mike Collom, Pat Coonen, Ashlyn Hildebrand, Diana Van Straten, Bob Varick

**Opening Prayer:** Pat led Lectio Divina with the Gospel from Matthew for the Sixth Sunday.

**Minutes:** Mike approved the minutes from the November 3, 2022, meeting. Diana seconded the approval. Passed by voice vote.

#### ***Review/Updates of Old Business***

1. Mass of Anointing on Saturday, November 5 - There was not a lot of attendance. Discussed the possibility of a different day, inviting people from assisted living, etc. We will try one more Saturday.
2. Candle Lighting and announcing names of loved ones – went well, was very nice.
3. Advent candle lighting with families – went well, was very nice.
4. Parish Reconciliation Service – should be well publicized.
5. The final announcement before Mass that sets the tone and focuses people to the Liturgy is excellent.
6. Christmas – Environment was beautiful. Mass attendance – (4:00-470, 7:00-152, 8:45-190).
7. Pew Frontals/kneelers – definitely a good addition.
8. Font rebuild – will be ready by Easter.
9. St. Edward, Mary, and Joseph statues – Pat has been working on this and there is a plan in place. A proxy is needed to change Worship space.

#### **New Business**

##### ***Communication***

Discussed the need to designate a person to provide information from Worship to Erin for bulletin, media, announcements, Facebook, etc. Ashlyn volunteered to take on this responsibility.

### ***Mass Cancellation***

Discussed ideas how to announce emergency cancellation of Mass. Ideas were text message, parish website, Facebook, TV announcements (as in school closings scroll). Pat will discuss with Erin.

Note: Weekday Masses have been cancelled if school is closed.

### ***Father Robert's absence***

Per Father, if he has a scheduled absence, there will be notice in the bulletin as people have expressed concern when he is not at Mass.

### ***Holy Day Mass Schedule***

Could there be a standardized Holy Day Schedule? The first goal should be to try and keep the schedule as is. If not the scheduled day, could we have a time slot (like a vigil Mass) for consistency?

### ***Lent***

Little black books will be available to families. New: there will be a bulletin insert.

Ash Wednesday – Mass at 8:15 AM (Denise will provide music), and 5:30 PM (Adult Choir). Crosses will be given out. Collection for VIDA.

Stations of the Cross – Celia doing the planning.

Reconciliation – Tuesday, 3/21, 6:30 PM. Lynn will check with Father to see if he wants to do a service/ have music.

### ***Holy Week***

Jane will put up signup sheets for lectors.

Pat will give Father the Holy Week liturgy plans to review.

Holy Thursday. 4/6 – 6:30 PM Mass

Good Friday, 4/7 – 1:00 PM service at St. Edward  
3:00 PM service at St. Nicholas

Easter Vigil, 4/8 – Mass at 8:00 (per parish calendar). Need to confirm exact time.

Easter Sunday, 4/9 – Mass at 8:45 AM

### ***Environment***

Change from Ordinary Time to Lent - 2/20 at 9:00 AM

## **Budget**

### ***Music***

There is not an immediate need for money from One by One at this time, as we recently completed the successful organ fundraiser, which, in addition to the new organ and necessary equipment purchased, resulted in an endowment for future. However, funds could be used for education, support, and development of musicians to participate in the St. Edward Music Ministry. We briefly discussed having an application for reimbursement for music lessons/training of youth and adults that will benefit the music ministry program. A committee should be formed to come up with a process, determine level of musical proficiency at which time reimbursement could be made. The money could be used also for professional training for current vocalists (as a group possibly), for speakers, and/or for a concert.

### ***Columbarium***

Pat brought up the idea of a columbarium for our cemetery. Also referred to as a niche unit, a columbarium is a permanent structure with inbuilt spaces (niches) that house inurned cremated remains. The committee agreed this sounds like a good idea, and will be discussed in the future.

### ***One by One Funds***

Funds are available once the cash is received, it is not available from just the pledges. Money stays at the diocese, and checks will be only written to the parish.

### ***Music Budget***

Mike is going to ask Erin for the budget.

### ***Artifact Inventory***

We have black cassocks and white surplices for servers that are barely used. Should they be donated? The Office of Divine Worship provides notification to parishes of items available. Also, Jeff's closet houses albs that could be used by taller servers.

Church items not needed can be sold or donated.

### ***Other***

Mike asked about serving the Precious Blood again at Mass. Pat will add this to the March agenda.

All agreed that the Offertory Gift Table be moved to the back of the aisle again.

### ***Statues***

The group toured the worship space to discuss/determine location of statues.

### ***175th Anniversary Celebration***

Bishop Dan Felton is available to begin the celebration with our community on the weekend of October 13-15 (travel on Friday). Father would like to have Bishop Dan celebrate the 8:45 AM Mass on October 15, 2023. Pat will confirm. It would be best with an event to follow like breakfast or potluck.

### ***Next Meeting***

Monday, March 6, 4:30 PM

Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

*Submitted by Lynn Collom*