

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, September 11, 2023, 4:30 PM

Attendees: Father Robert Chinnapan, Lynn Collom, Pat Coonen, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Diana Van Straten, Bob Varick, Jane Varick

Opening Prayer: Deacon Jeff read the Gospel from Matthew for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and reflected on Jesus' compassion.

Minutes: Dcn.Jeff approved the minutes from the May 1, 2023 meeting. Diana seconded the approval. Passed by voice vote.

Review/Updates of Old Business

1. Corpus Christi – Almost everyone from Mass joined in the procession. It was difficult for all to hear during the outdoor procession, depending on where your place was. David Everson is aware of this.
2. If a Holy Day Mass is held on the Vigil, (i.e. Assumption 2023) per Father Robert, the readings and psalm for the Vigil will now be used.
3. Rosary - Jane will lead the rosary before the Wednesday and Friday Masses during October, beginning at approximately 7:55 am. Pat will ask Erin to include this announcement in the bulletin.
4. Statue Update – Director of the Office of Divine Worship, Gerard Hall, visited St. Edward with a building construction representative. They represent the Bishop in giving the OK for anything in the Worship space. He suggested following the pattern of the statues of SS. Boniface and Patrick to place St. Edward on the same brown brick line. Doing so meant he will now be located in the space between the exit door and the pillar. The Mary and Joseph shrine is approved. We can move forward with Hofacker Masonry once the official proxy arrives.
5. Artifact Cabinet Update – Lenny Smurf of Lenny's Custom Cabinetry and Justin Ashauer of Countryside Electric have now communicated about the cabinets to be built in the Gathering Area. It is not Worship space and needs no proxy. But Gerard Hall is aware.

New Business

175TH Opening Celebration

Elderly Community – It was suggested that the most senior parishioners have a special role during the Mass. It was discussed that several bring up the gifts at the Offertory...**Erv (Farmer) VanCamp, Bea Berrens, and Paul Broeren** are currently our eldest. Pat will contact them.

Father suggested the Mass intention be for the people of St. Edward. He will check with Erin about the possibility of changing the current scheduled 10/15 Mass intention.

Update: The Mass intention will remain for the Sells, however, they are fine with others presenting the gifts.

Update since meeting: Pat sent an email to the committee regarding Sue (Devine) Huss, descendants of the original homesteaders: David and Patrick Barry, Peter Hephner – gathered for first Mass. After discussion with Father Robert, we will keep our elderly bringing up gifts.

Additional information regarding the Jubilee:

- The meal will be Romy's chicken, potatoes/gravy and potluck. There is a sign-up for food and help.
- Will discuss more specifics with Bishop Dan as we get closer to the event.
- Most previous pastors have other commitments, but there could be additional priests in attendance. Father Willie will be invited.
- Dcn Jeff will check with Bishop regarding the children doing the skit. Pat will rehearse with them, if needed.
- Pat will have a prayer printed with a photo of St. Edward from the icon picture in the St. Edward room, and a prayer she wrote. This can be displayed on the monitors, and put in the pews, and read at the Masses throughout the year.
- It was suggested the Knights of Columbus be involved, and should wear their vests.
- Mike is contact for music with Bishop Dan. *Update since meeting: Bishop Dan indicated he does not have any requests or preferences, but that they will probably use incense and some other liturgical prayers.*

Additional Items Discussed:

- Cursillo Day of Enrichment is 2/17/24 at St. Edward, 7:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Jane asked if we have a Vatican flag. Pat will look for one. Otherwise, Father Robert gave approval to purchase a flag.
- Bishop Dan's picture is now in the St. Nicholas room.
- We are again in need of additional altar servers, Sacristans, EMHC. Deacon Jeff will make an announcement at Mass after 10/15. He will check with the school students and consult with Celia regarding the NE students.
- Bob asked about a clock in the St. Edward Room. Dcn. Jeff will check with Bill. Bob offered to purchase one if needed after approval from Father Robert.
- Jane provided samples and will purchase Advent booklets.

Upcoming feasts and other dates:

November 1 – All Saints' Day Masses

October 31 - 5:45 PM St. Nicholas

November 1 – 8:15 AM St. Edward (Lynn will check with Renee regarding music)

November 1 – 6:30 PM St. Edward (NE students will attend)

Diana will set up pictures before Wednesday Mass. Pictures will be picked up on Thanksgiving or Christ the King.

November 2 – All Souls' Day

November 2 – 8:15 AM St. Nicholas

November 2 – 5:30 PM St. Edward

Father will read the names of the deceased. Families will be invited to light a candle. Diana will get the list. Lynn will arrange for music.

Feast of Christ the King – November 26

Father approved of the banner.

Advent Sundays – December 3, 10, 17, 24

Families with sacramental students will be invited to light the candle during opening song. Pat will contact.

Diana will set up after Friday 12/1 Mass.

Christmas Eve is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Saturday and Sunday Masses will be as usual. It will be determined how many Masses we will have on Christmas Eve (one or two) depending on the priests available.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:45 AM.

Diana will take down the Advent wreath after the 12/24 AM Mass and set up in front of the ambo.

Music Ministry Update

Louis Froelich family is donating a drum set, partially built by Louis, in his memory. Father will bless it at a Saturday evening Mass. We will put an announcement in the bulletin after the blessing.

Mike and Lynn will be leaving St. Edward in 2024 due to retirement. They will talk to a couple of possible replacements prior to advertising in the Compass.

Next Worship Meeting : October 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting was closed with a prayer led by Father Robert.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Collom with notes from Father by Pat Coonen