

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

ATTENDEES: Pat Coonen, Mike Collom, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Father Walter Stumpf, Diana Van Straten, Bob & Jane Varick

Father opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Bob pointed out that the times for the Christmas Masses had been changed, so they should be changed in the minutes. With that correction, the minutes were approved as read.

Father pointed out that he had never received a copy of the new Mass for Immigrants, as had been mentioned in the minutes. Mike said they hadn't given it to him because they have postponed when they plan to use that Mass. He will make sure that Father gets a copy.

ASH WEDNESDAY- Masses for Ash Wednesday will be held at 8:15 am and 6:30 pm. Both Masses should be live streamed. We will again be offering a small medallion for people after receiving their ashes. We will also be giving out a Lenten reflection booklet. Jane will work with Celia to decide which one to pick. Mike will check to see if school students are doing the music for the 8:15 Mass or if he should provide it. Jane had checked with Celia and she will try to get lectors for the 6:30p Mass from the R.E. students, but she would like us to have a back-up lector in case that doesn't pan out. Jane will find a back up lector.

There should not be an opening song at the weekday Masses during Lent. The Antiphon will be displayed on the screen and will be recited as Father processes in.

Pat suggested that we have a training/enrichment session for new and current liturgical ministers. We would need a session for ushers, lectors, sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. It was debated as to whether we needed sessions at different times for each ministry, or if we could break out into 4 sessions at the

same time. Father says he can't talk to each group if they are all at the same time. Maybe we could have a short Prayer service and have different sessions before and after the service. Pat will follow up on this with Father.

This Thursday is the Feast of Saint Blaise and due to COVID, Bishop Ricken has recommended that a general blessing of throats be given, in place of the individual blessings.

MUSIC- Mike Collom said that he would like both weekend Masses this weekend to be live streamed. Val Bartlein will be playing the organ at each Mass, with the male choir members will be singing on Saturday and the whole choir on Sunday.

He is concerned that at some Masses, the words are taken off the screens before the song is ended. They should stay up until the song is ended. Mike is trying to raise the level of participation from the congregation during the songs. He also thinks that somehow we should encourage people to stay in their pews until the final song is completed, and that people should save the talking and visiting until they reach the Gathering Place.

For the Budget items, he said that we have used all the channels on the mixer, so he would like to replace the mixer, using a digital snake. This would be in the \$3000- \$4000 range.

During Lent, they will be using the Mass of Creation.

Mike has received an email complaint from Dawn Balthazor wondering why we cannot have outside singers for weddings. Mike called her and explained that they just want to make sure that everyone using any of the expensive equipment knows how to use it correctly and also that all the music used is appropriate for using in church.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Father Walter.

Respectfully Submitted

Jane Varick