

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Minutes

September 5, 2007

Facilitator: D. Lynn

Secretary: B. Estigoy

Attendance: E. Cassidy, L. Doering, B. Nelson, J. O'Donnell, M. Ratajczak

Call to Order/Prayer/Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and the opening prayer was led by Lorraine Doering.
- The committee accepted the May 2007 minutes.
- It was requested that committee minutes be submitted in a timely manner. This allows appropriate communication to the Pastoral Council.

Action: Brenda Estigoy will provide minutes one week after the scheduled meeting so that they can be approved by the committee and can then be posted on the parish bulletin board and on the parish website.

Old Business

Review of previous special liturgies – None reported.

New Business and Planning

Change of time for weekday Holy Days from 9:00 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. –

- Weekday Holy Day of Obligation Masses begin at different times. It was suggested that all begin at 8:15 A.M. As it stands, Masses on Holy Days are at 8:15 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Masses. The Daily Mass on Holidays (i.e., July 4th and Thanksgiving) are held at 9:00 A.M.
- The committee members were in agreement to change July 4 Mass to 8:15 A.M. to decrease the variation.

Action: The recommendation of Holy Day of Obligation Mass time change will be forwarded to the Pastoral Council for approval.

Blessing of Animals (Sept. 30 or Oct. 7, 2007) –

- The discussion was held regarding the date and time for the Blessing of the Animals. Last year had a very good attendance and it was recommended to continue with this blessing. It was determined to have the blessing on October 7, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. pending Faith Formation and REACH classes.

Action: The blessing will be on 10/7/2007 pending Douglas Lynn discussion with Kathleen Bell.

Cantors –

- Background: Fr. Mike asked Douglas Lynn to put together a proposal for using professional cantors at STM as a response to a perceived shortage of volunteer cantors and perceived difficulty of some of the current cantors to become comfortable with the expanding musical repertoire of the parish in light of the inclusion of the Monday Night Mass repertoire in our weekend liturgies.

- The committee discussed the proposal offered by Douglas Lynn based on a similar model now in use at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad and in line with diocesan guidelines for professional cantors.
- The concept was accepted by the committee members with the recommendation that the proposal be forwarded to the Pastoral Council for their approval.

Action: Douglas Lynn to forward the professional cantor proposal the Pastoral Council.

Missa Pro Populo Masses—

- Fr. Mike recommended to the committee members the removal of the special intention for Missa Pro Populo. It was noted that we pray for ourselves at every Mass and this change may not affect the parishioners. This will also allow for at least 52 Masses to be available for parishioners who want to offer Masses for loved ones and friends.
- It was moved and seconded by the members to remove the Missa Pro Populo intentions.

Action: The request will be forwarded to the Pastoral Council for approval.

Environment & Art: Ambo enhancement –

- It was noted by a committee member that there are a couple of Readers who utilize a cane while walking to the Ambo. It was requested if there were restrictions to add a holder for the cane. Since there are no restrictions, for this need, enhancements will be made to the Ambo.

Action: The information will be forwarded to the Environment & Art Committee chairperson for provisions to the Ambo.

Press Releases Pending

The committee members were reminded of press releases are to be provided three months in advance.

Committee/Ministry Reports

Bereavement Ministry – None reported.

Ecumenical Affairs – None reported.

Eucharistic Adoration – (John O'Donnell-Chairperson)

- A discussion was held regarding the sign-up process of parishioners. The parishioners who initially signed-up are not showing up for their one hour time slot. John O'Donnell was requesting feedback from the committee members regarding compliance and another process.
- *Recommendation:* The committee recommended continuing with the current process and initiating phone calls to the parishioners on the list. It was also recommended to request sign-up for a one-month obligation rather than a weekly commitment.

Action: Elaine Cassidy and Betty Nelson to assist John O'Donnell with follow-up calls. The reminder phone calls will be on a trail basis for 3-4 months and John O'Donnell (Karen Esmonde) to report to committee the results.

Environment & Art: Douglas Lynn presented for Kathy Quinn (Chairperson)

- The committee is preparing for the October 2007 Holy Days of Obligation (i.e., All Saints/All Souls, Christ the King).
- A new backdrop has been placed at the altar (Creation banner).

- It was reported that water damage was found on the platform that holds the tabernacle in the Blessed Chapel. The committee has requested to inform parishioners no flowers are to be placed on the platform by the tabernacle.

Action: A notice to parishioners will be provided regarding no flowers in the Blessed Chapel.

Liturgical Ministers: Douglas Lynn (Chairperson)

- It was reported that the September – November schedule has been sent to all Liturgical ministers.

Liturgical Music – Douglas Lynn (Chairperson)

- Douglas Lynn reported that Choir practice (Adult & Children) will begin the week of September 10, 2007.
- The Monday Night Mass (MNM) is continuing with much participation by our STM youth. The committee members were encouraged to attend this monthly Mass which is served by the youth group.

Round Table

- Fr. Mike distributed “The Method of Centering Prayer” flyer. There is a possibility of a group to come together and will require a chairperson. The information will be forwarded to the Pastoral Council for recommendations & approval.

Action: Fr. Mike to provide information to the Pastoral Council with a request for approval.

Next Meeting/Assignment of Prayer

- The next meeting will be held November 7, 2007.
- A reminder was provided to the members that the committee meets on a quarterly basis, therefore after the November 2007 meeting our next meeting will be January 2008. Please expect the November meeting to have a full agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.