

ST. GABRIEL PARISH

FINAL

PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING - VIRTUAL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Roy Spiekerman, Matt Bycynski, Mike Gorichanaz, Phyllis Wenhart, Nancy Mueller, Katie Mancuso, Anna Niemuth (liaison). Tom Pinzl, Molly Soba, and Katie Borgen were excused.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Phyllis moved and Roy seconded that the previous meeting minutes be accepted. All voted to approve. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lent – Things that were different . Mass started in silence, followed by the Kyrie. It was very prayerful and simple. Good. Some things not liked – Morning Stations rather than evening. It was on YouTube 24/7, but was not very well advertised. Because of Covid, there was no procession of the stations in the church. It was too simple. There was nothing to watch on screen but the book pages. Next year it should be better.

Ash Wednesday – We used Q tips to apply the ashes, because of Covid. We disposed of them in the Easter fire.

Bulletin Board -There was considerable discussion about the bulletin Board in the entryway. Most comments were very positive. Nancy noted that some changes had been made by ‘parties unknown’! For next year, we will make it known that P&W is in charge of the bulletin board.

Palm Sunday- It worked very well with the modified palm blessing and entry of the people. The new Easter Candle was mentioned. Everyone thought it was a perfect choice, with the St. Joseph theme.

Holy Thursday- Modified for Covid. It worked well.

Good Friday – We thought that the service was very good. There was a problem with some people leaving when the Blessed Sacrament was reposed. We feel that they probably thought the service was ending. Perhaps an explanation as to what was happening would have helped. This Needs some thought for next year. Nancy suggested that we should provide worship aids with the readings. The Barabbas and Veronica asides were very good. There was much discussion about the readings at Mass, and how to read them along with the lector. It was agreed that a problem with Good Friday is the length of the service, and the faithful not knowing ahead of time how long it will take.

Holy Saturday – We all agreed it went very well. The first reading with music was good. The second reading being sung was good. All agreed the music was very good. The sound setup from the fire was not as good as it should have been. We will rethink it for next year.

Easter – All was well. There was a slight glitch at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with the use of the parish hall for overflow faithful. The sound to the hall was delayed and seemed to echo up the hallway into the gathering space. Closing the doors at the gathering space solved that, but because of the number of people, many of whom were not familiar with the building, we had someone stand at the closed doors to redirect people to the restrooms. Decorations were very good. Nancy said the church was ‘absolutely beautiful’. We all agreed.

Music- Matt thought it all went well. We agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Communion- Starts April 24/25, and goes thru the end of May. Nancy asked about decorating the bulletin board. That will be looked into. There was some discussion about live streaming, and or, using You Tube to broadcast the Masses. Roy and Matt will talk about it with Father at the next staff meeting. There was discussion about putting the communicant’s names on the bulletin board.

Confirmation – there will be 35 people confirmed on May 12 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Haines will be there. Nancy and Phyllis will decorate the church. Matt that he has the order of worship almost ready for proof reading by Roy and Fr. Tim.

Ascension – Sunday, May 16.

Pentecost – May 23. Phyllis will contact Katie about decorating the church.

Most Holy Trinity – Nothing special

Corpus Christi – Nothing special

Ordinary time – Starts June 16 the color is green.

Roy led us in the Hail Mary as our closing prayer.

ADJOURNED at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting May 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Gorichanaz, Secretary

Copies to: Roy Spiekerman Katie Borgen Phyllis Wenhart Anna Niemuth Molly Soba
Tom Pinzl Matt Bycynski Nancy Mueller Katie Mancuso Joan Weyer Fr. Tim Bickel

