

ST. GABRIEL PARISH

PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION

MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Full Commissions Meeting started at 6:33 p.m.

Prayer and Worship Meeting began at 6:48 p.m.

Report by Prayer and Worship Commission to Full Commissions: Mike Gorichanaz gave a brief on what the Commission has done in the last 6 months, and on what the plans are for the next 6 months. A copy of the notes used is attached (1).

Attendees: Mike Gorichanaz, Phyllis Wenhart, Roy Spiekerman and Anna Niemuth (liaison)
Excused - Molly Soba, Greg Hoerter, and Katie Borgen

Minutes: October 15, 2019 minutes were approved with one correction. Minutes of November 19, 2019 were approved with one correction.

Liaison Report: Rather than a liaison report by Anna, this is what Jill Gehring stated at the beginning: Catholic Schools Week starts on Sunday January 26. That Man is You starts for the Spring sessions on Wednesday January 29th. St. Blaise Feast, with the throat blessing will be Sunday February 2. Sunday February 16th will be Friendship Sunday sponsored by the Human Concerns commission. The St. Gabriel Dinner Auction will be Saturday, March 14. The Men of Christ Conference will be held on March 14. And lastly, the parish garage will be kept locked. Access can be gained by getting a remote from the parish office.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1.) For next Advent, we will look into different, non glare, chimneys for the Advent Wreath candles.

2.) Decorations for Christmas were fine. We had a discussion on the placement of the Creche. We will come to our next meeting 15 minutes early to go into the church to discuss this item.

3.) We will put the Christmas flowers out in the gathering space the second week of February for parishioners to take home. We will ask Fr. Tim to announce this beforehand.

4.) The music supplements worked well. We will use them again next year.

5.) The Reconciliation service went well. We had 5 confessors and about 50 people attending.

6.) For Lent, we discussed the following:

a. Lenten Masses should begin with a silent procession to the altar, from the 5 points: Fr. Tim in the center aisle, with the lectors in the aisles to his right and left, and the servers in the far aisles, all meeting in the regular places before the altar. The procession out of church will be the way it always is, and with a hymn being sung.

b. Stations of the Cross will be held during Lent. We will explore a schedule, perhaps involving Bonnie Schools and her students. One idea was to have the Stations after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays, involving the school students, besides the Stations we will schedule for the afternoon or evening.

c. Ash Wednesday is Feb 26. There will be 2 Masses – one at 8:30 a.m., and one in the evening, probably at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed, and made available in small containers for people to take home.

d. Worship aids will be developed for Lent and Easter. Easter booklets will be effective through Pentecost Sunday.

7.) For the Easter vigil we suggest three Old Testament readings #s 1, 3, and 4.

a. Katie and Phyllis will plan the environment for Lent and Easter.

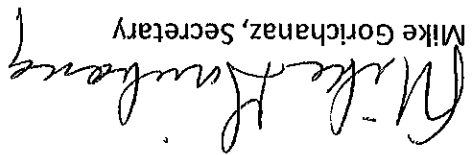
8.) Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. We would like do the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on that Weekend after all three Masses. We should coordinate this with Gerry Wolf.

9.) We chose the 'Ascension' Easter candle to be ordered from the Stemper catalog.

Closing Prayer and Adjourment- at 8:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Mike Gorichanaz, Secretary

Attachment (1) P & W Commission report read to the Full Commissions.

Copies to:

Roy Spieckamm

Phyllis Wenhart

Greg Hoerter

Anna Niemuth

Katie Borgen

Molly Soba

Jill Gehring

Ft. Tim Bickel

REPORT TO FULL COMMISSIONS- 1-21/2020

Prayer and Worship Commission Duties –

Presented by Mike Gorichanaz

Members – Roy Spieckerman, Phyllis Wenhart, Katie Borgen, Greg Hoelter, Anna Niemuth

We are reformatting our Commission to an extent - We now have Roy

Spieckerman as our Music and Liturgy guide, since Steve Senski left the parish

several months ago, and two new members, Greg and Katie.

Our duties consist of almost everything to do with every religious service here at St. Gabriel.

We take care of the decoration of the church which changes by the seasons of the liturgical year.

The Commission plans, and Phyllis oversees the different decoration projects with the assistance of Katie and about 8 more volunteers. With the help of certain of the sacristans we plan the Christmas services, Lenten programs such as Stations of the Cross, Holy week and Easter services.

We research and order different publications as needed, and work with the usher, server, and sacristan organization and training.

Our next events will be All Saints and All Souls Day memorial, and after that Advent and the Christmas celebrations.

Questions?