

NOVEMBER 2017 WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

November 28th 2:00 PM Fish Creek

Introductory Business

- Meeting called to order at 2 PM. Members present – Father Dave, Marilyn Holland, Marian Irmen, Connie Brandt, Mary Rohr, Mary Gomoll
- Prayer
- Connie moved to approve the October 17, 2017 meeting minutes and Marilyn seconded the move.

Old Business

- **Worship & Music Minister Search Update** – Father Dave discussed the lack of applicants and our struggle to get past the initial interview. We've had some good candidates, but for one reason or another, they withdrew from the process before we could get to the next step. A group will meet to reassess the ad and the places we are publicizing this position.
- **Interim Help with Worship & Music** – For now, Mary is trying to schedule musicians and cantors, choosing music, writing Worship columns for the bulletin, and working with Father Dave on an as-needed basis. But we need more help!

- **Worship Commission Members – Continued discussion**

1. What do we want to tell them about our parish?

Our parishioners are welcoming; most like to sing; everyone enjoys the music; there is an interest in a choir; we have 5 sites but some parishioners only attend services at a single site; we are involved in activities with other faiths in Door County such as Docks-ology; give them the stats and policy on weddings and funerals.

2. What kind of orientation should we give?

The worship committee will host a dinner to discuss the parish and the area (if they are unfamiliar with Door County) and one person to take them to each site.

3. How do we bring them into our community? *Invite them over for dinner.*

Introduce them to people. Include them in activities.

4. How do we help them find a place to live? *Marilyn & Connie wrote a bulletin announcement to ask if any seasonal people might rent their home for a few months until the person has a chance to look for their own place. We didn't get any responses to this.*

5. Can we help them find places they'll need? Grocery shopping? Doctor? Etc?

We can take turns doing this.

6. How do we help them learn their way around? *Riding or driving with them.*

- **All Saints Day** – Masses - October 31 at 6 PM at FC; November 1 at 8 AM at SB, 4:15 and 6:15 PM at BH. *All went well.*
- **Stella Maris Thanksgiving Day Mass** – Nov. 23, 8 AM at SB. *We had a nice turnout. Those attending enjoyed the liturgy.*

New Business

- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** – Vigil Mass on Thurs., Dec. 7th at FC at 6:00 PM; Feast Day Mass on Fri., Dec. 8th at SB at 8:00 AM
- **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Mass on Tues., Dec. 12th at FC at 6:00 PM with reception to follow. *Martine's family will take charge of the music and the food.*
- **Season of Advent / Christmas Update** – *A request has been placed in the bulletin and in the announcements each week to find candle-bearers. If we don't get volunteers, the 2nd Reader will be the candle-bearer and the 1st Reader, who also carries in the Book of the Gospels, will read the Advent Prayer for the week. Father Dave will use the Apostles Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. The Advent banner designed by Ryan Miller should be ready for pick-up and Jim Charles will help hang a banner in the 3 open churches.*
- **Ideas for something to hand out at Christmas Masses** – *Michelle said she had found some prayer cards that we could print out. Mary said she would also look online to see what we could use.*
- **Ideas for Lent 2018?** *Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th – Possibly a discipleship-oriented theme? John 3:16 is found in the gospel reading for the 4th Sunday of Lent.*
- **Epiphany** – Put up a list of 2017 baptisms for the weekend of Jan. 6/7 – *Mary will contact Lorie about making this list.*
- **Next Worship Commission Meeting – THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 1:30 PM IN THE NORTH WING OF FISH CREEK.**