

Worship Commission Minutes July 27, 2022

1. **Opening Prayer and Check-in** – *Present at the meeting were Father Tom, Deacon Tony, Beth Screnock, Mary Gomoll, Pat Gureski, Marilyn Holland, Marian Irmen, and Shirley Raasch. Joining us on Zoom were Connie Brandt and Mickie Mostardi.*
2. **Approval** of May 17, 2022 Minutes – *Marilyn moved to approve the minutes from the May 17th meeting; Shirley seconded the motion. Minutes approved.*

3. LITURGICAL MINISTRIES UPDATES

- a. **MSP Sign-up and inclusion of new ministers** – *Beth reported that she contacted everyone who signed up for a new ministry using the Stewardship form. Some were able to connect themselves with MSP in time to be included on the August-October schedule. Those who sign up for a new ministry after the schedule went live can act as subs and hopefully get in on the next schedule.*
- b. **Ministry Workshop Evaluation / Comments** – *Overall, we felt that this first ministry workshop in many years came off very well. People seemed glad to be there and were willing to work together. The design of the evening was good, the keynote talk by Deacon Tony with music from Beth was inspiring, there were good discussions in the breakout groups, and those who attended had a voice in the final ministry descriptions. A problem was that some folks are part of multiple ministries and could only really be part of one breakout discussion.*

Ushers mentioned that we need to create updated contact information to be posted in each sacristy. We also discussed gathering emergency supplies in a box at each church and making sure all ushers at that site know where that box is located.

Another issue discussed is that MSP is missing weekday ministers and ministry info. There are some folks who only minister at a daily Mass, so they are not part of MSP. It would be helpful to know who those people are and to get them a copy of the ministry description(s) that they need.

- c. **Leaders / Trainers needed for each ministry** – *All felt that having a team leader for each ministry is a good model. The team leader will initiate and train new ministers. Being asked to be a team leader or captain honors those who have been involved. It's important to have a captain with experience in their ministry, someone who has been serving at Stella Maris for a while, and ideally someone who ministers at more than one site.*

Our goal is to begin by reaching out at the three year-round sites to find a captain for each ministry. Word of mouth is an important tool to recruit these leaders. If Worship Commission members know of a possible ministry captain, please share that name with Beth.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Fall / Winter Mass Schedule revisited** – Deacon Tony asked, “Should we consider adding Masses at EH and/or JP for part of the late fall/winter/early spring schedule?”

The decision from the October 27, 2021 meeting to go to a 4 Mass schedule after October stated that weekend Masses would be at Washington Island, Fish Creek, Baileys Harbor, and Sister Bay. Sat. 4 at FC, Sun. 8 at BH, 10 at SB, 2 at WI. (WI switches to 10:30 Sat. when the ferry schedule changes in Dec.)

At this meeting, we looked at possibly adding a 6:00 Mass at either Egg Harbor or Jacksonport for Nov. (and possibly Dec.) and May (and possibly April). Father Tom was okay with it, but then he'd be doing 5 Masses a weekend. Also, could we find a priest to substitute and do 5 Masses when Father is gone on vacation or retreat? We need to look into the possibility of finding another priest to preside at that 6:00 Mass. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

- b. Would we be able to offer a Christmas Mass at each church? Do we have enough presiders, ministers, times that work? *We decided that it would be possible to offer Christmas Mass at each site, especially if it's possible to bring in another priest. Here's a suggested Christmas schedule:*

Saturday, Dec. 24th

10:30 AM Washington Island

4:00 PM Sister Bay

7:00 PM Fish Creek

9:00 PM Jacksonport

Sunday, Dec. 25th

8:00 AM Baileys Harbor

10:00 AM Egg Harbor

- c. Could we adapt the summer schedule beginning Memorial Day 2023 by getting an extra priest to help? *The request was made to possibly offer two Masses at the same time next summer. Possibly 9:30 or 10:00 for both SB and JP.*
- d. **Jacksonport and Egg Harbor Updates** – *Jacksonport remodeling is mostly completed. Still waiting for the clear fronts for the choir loft, so that is off limits until it's finished. All comments have been positive regarding how beautiful the church looks inside. Egg Harbor painting is complete and the blue sanctuary with gold borders is lovely. There are alcoves for the statues of Mary and Joseph now. Lovely improvements.*

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Organ Concert** – Val Bartlein will give an organ concert on Sunday, August 14th at 3:30 PM in Sister Bay with proceeds from the free-will offering going towards the proposed new organ in Baileys Harbor. The concert will also include selections by a

small choir. *Beth will send an announcement out to other Northern Door churches when she receives the info from Val.*

- b. **Update** – *The Sodality from Baileys Harbor has volunteered to bring bars and cookies, set up refreshments, make coffee, and serve drinks! **Marilyn and Shirley**, if you still want to bring baked goods, that will be fine!*

Worship Commission will need to:

- *Set up the social hall with tables and chairs - **2:00 PM** – **Connie, Mary, Beth***
- *Pick up cold drinks - **Mary***
- *Take up the free will offering -*
- *Clean up – **Connie, Debi, Mary, Beth***

- c. **Liturgy Closet in Sister Bay** – *Mickie Mostardi volunteered to coordinate / organize the liturgy closet. Mickie also wondered if that closet could be rekeyed so that not just anyone with a key could go in there. Things get moved around, taken, not replaced to their original position, added to the closet, so it looks like a junk pile. She also mentioned that there's a possibility of turning the coat room area near the kitchen entrance into a closet for all the liturgy items. That change would have to go through Buildings and Grounds.*

- d. **Concern about keys to churches** – *Several people expressed concern about the number of church keys floating around the parish. Both master keys and keys to the individual churches are out there. People at SB, BH, and FC have found the tabernacle key still in the unlocked tabernacle and the cupboards where the chalices are kept left unlocked. Who is doing this? Is there an inventory list somewhere of who has which keys? We will check with Laura and/or Lorie about a list. This conversation will be continued at our next meeting.*

- e. **Music Updates and Info** – Beth Screnock

- *Upright Piano for Sister Bay – A bride with a classical violinist wants a real piano for her wedding at SB. Lorie Orthober has a lovely upright piano that she will donate. Beth will check into having it moved to Sister Bay.*
- *Organ Repair update – Val softened the volume on several organs at SB, FC, and EH.*
- *How to recruit cantors – All Worship Commission members are encouraged to invite people to become cantors if you hear a nice voice. If interested, get their name to Beth.*
- *Plans to replace the Worship Guide – Was the current Worship Guide created in-house or by a printer? If by a printer, how much did it cost? Check with Katrina and Kathy, our previous two Worship ministers. Beth will ask cantors to suggest a few favorite songs that are not in the hymnal to include.*
- *Possible choir for Advent? There is interest in a seasonal choir and/or a small vocal ensemble. There'll be a small choir for the organ concert. Will see if they're interested in continuing. Beth talked about having a small vocal*

ensemble offering a meditative acoustic concert using chant. Shirley mentioned that there used to be a small group at BH that sang during Fri. morning Mass and on weekends.

f. Looking Ahead:

- **Fall Ordinary Time**

Blessing of Animals – Could we schedule something for October 4th? Who would do the blessing?

All Saints Day – Tuesday, November 1 – 8 AM at JP, 12 Noon - ?, an evening Mass - ?

All Souls Day – Wednesday, November 2

Month of Remembrance - Memorial Candles and poster set up through November up to the start of Advent.

- **Thanksgiving** – *Shirley reminded us that we used to have an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with Immanuel Lutheran Church on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. (This did not take the place of a Mass on Thanksgiving morning.) The location of the service alternated between Stella Maris Baileys Harbor and Immanuel Lutheran. The pastor from the visiting parish would give the homily. There was a social afterwards for fellowship. Would we be interested in doing this again?*
- **Advent** - Begins the weekend of November 26-27

5. Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30 AM at the office