

## Minutes of Worship Meeting September 13, 2023

Members Present - Father Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Beth Screnock, Kathy Wolff, Connie Brandt, Pat Daubner, Mary Gomoll, Marilyn Holland, Diane Kahlscheuer, Mickie Mostardi, Shirley Raasch

**Opening prayer:** Marilyn Holland

Pat Daubner offered to lead the opening prayer for the November meeting.

**Approve minutes of July 12, 2023 meeting** - Connie moved to approve the minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn seconded the motion. Mary agreed to take the minutes for this meeting. Connie offered to take the minutes for the November meeting, but we need to recruit someone to be the Worship secretary.

### Liturgical ministry updates

- **Sacristans**
  - Proper storage for low-gluten hosts – Kathy asked what other sites do. At FC, they've been keeping their LG hosts in the cupboard in the vesting sacristy because they get soggy in the freezer. Sacristans from a few other sites suggested keeping the hosts in a hard plastic container in the freezer.
  - Do we have enough sacristans? There is one new sacristan trained at EH and Terry McArdle has been trained at BH.
- **Extraordinary Ministers** – Beginning in October the Office of Divine Worship for the diocese is offering workshops for all EM. There will be fall and spring sessions offered; all current and new EM are encouraged to attend one of these. These workshops will be offered on a 3-year cycle. Ministers will be commissioned and receive a 3-year re-certification with the workshop. There is a session offered in Luxemburg on Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. There may be a spring session offered in Sturgeon Bay. Beth and Deacon mentioned that we'd also like to have people within our parish trained as future trainers. We currently have 28 active EM and 4 who are subs or inactive.
- **Lectors/Readers**
  - Training workshops for Cantors and Readers – There are also workshops being offered this fall for cantors and readers. These will also probably be offered on a 3-year cycle. At present, Deacon is not sure whether these are mandatory.
  - How new readers get involved with reading at daily mass - Kathy asked how someone who is seasonal or just attends daily Mass can get involved as a reader. Those interested can let Father Tom know they'd like to read or also let the sacristan know. Someone asked if the Stewardship card can be amended to include an option to check "Read at daily Mass" and "Read at weekend Mass". It was also suggested that the cards indicate "current reader" and "new reader".
- **Ushers/greeters**
  - Safety issue – Recently someone attending Mass as SB fainted and hit their head on the front pew. The sacristan and ushers needed towels, water, and had to get the EMTs into the building without disrupting Mass. Sacristans at the various sites would like guidelines.
  - Deacon said that a new safety committee has formed and will get help from DCMC to create a protocol, so ushers and sacristans have information and a format to follow. Mickie suggested they have the procedure listed on a laminated sheet for those who would be helping. It was also asked whether we could get a person at each site as a safety patrol as part of MSP.
  - Beth will update the ushers on any changes in their ministry description.
  - It was suggested that we offer CPR and AED training to our ushers again.

- Ushers needed at SB. A suggestion was made to ask ushers who dropped off during Covid. Connie stated that some have been invited to return to ushering but have declined.
- **Altar servers** – At BH, youth servers are scheduled to serve by MSP. They typically arrive close to the beginning of Mass. Often, adult servers who come to church early get dressed and ready to serve and then there's nothing for the youth to do. Father will talk to the adults and make it clear that we'd like to include the young servers as much as possible.
- **Art and Environment:** see Advent below.
- **Music**
  - Cantors – We are in need of cantors. Seldom have a cantor for the 6PM Mass.
  - Hymnals – Beth would like to purchase 40-50 hymnals plus some Choir hymnals. There were ideas offered where there might be more hymnals stored at other sites.
  - Organs for BH and JP – Beth suggested that an organ committee be formed to discuss what is needed and look into options.
  - Benefit Organ Concert – Beth is looking to offer a concert on Monday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. In discussion, a member requested further information regarding what would be involved.

### **Seasonal planning**

- Blessing of pets: October 4 – Deacon will write something up and put it in the bulletin. Marilyn offered to help.
- All Souls Day: Posters v other – It was agreed that the posters Beth made last year were very lovely. Jan Malchow is keeping track of the funerals and hopefully all names will be included. Mary & Connie will put the new posters into the frames and get them to the churches. Posters and clear glass vigils with votives will be in place beginning on All Souls Day, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and will remain for the next three weekends of November. Names will be read on the weekend of Nov. 4-5.
- Seasonal Planning teams/sub-committees for Advent/Christmas – Mickie, Marilyn, Kriss, and Mary will coordinate and meet with environment team in October to plan.

### **Advent:**

- Another Lessons & Carols – It was decided that, although last year's event was lovely, it takes a lot of work organization by Beth and Worship members. Plan on doing this every other year.
- Reflection booklets – Connie and Mary will get the Advent and Lenten books ordered and report back at next meeting.

**Immaculate Conception masses** – *Thur., Dec. 7* at 6 PM, SB; *Fri., Dec. 8* at 8 AM, BH + 12 Noon, JP

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, Dec. 23 – Christmas Mass at 10:30 AM on Washington Island

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, Dec. 23 – 4 PM at FC; 6 PM at JP

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 8 AM at BH; 10 AM at SB

**Christmas Eve** – Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4 PM at SB; 4 PM at EH; 6 PM at FC – We will need to find a priest and an accompanist for the 4 PM Mass in Egg Harbor.

**Christmas Day** – Monday, Dec. 25 - 8 AM at BH; 10 AM at JP

January 1, Mary, Holy Mother of God---This not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass at FC at 8am.

**Next Worship meeting: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 9:30 AM AT BAILEYS HARBOR**

Possible Topics include: Ordering for Christmas, Worship Commission Annual Report—format and goals for year ahead, Inviting Ministry team leaders to become members of Worship Commission

**Reminder: Worship is hosting the FAMily Event on November 4 @ FC after the 4 PM Mass. Plan to help!**