**WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

**PRAYER** – Paul Bobay

**ATTENDANCE -** Mary Kelley, Judy Duncan, Janet Steenlage, Amanda Ray, Eileen DeArmond, Donna Jondle, Fran Zuper, Sandy O’Brien, Paul Bobay

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES**- Paul Bobay moved, Fran Zuper seconded.

**PAST EVENTS**

* April 9: Palm Sunday – We ran out of palms at the 11:00 Mass. This was discussed and will be taken care of next year. Should order the same amount of palms as this year. Decorations were beautiful. Fanning of the palms and colors (red with purple) were lovely.
* April 10: Reconciliation – Dinner provided by Mary Kelley and Kathy Donnelly. Sandwiches were delivered from Jimmy John’s. Side items and desserts were purchased at Costco which made the organizing very simple and very successful.
* April 13: Holy Thursday – Next year have two sacristans or one very seasoned one to handle the extra responsibilities. Assist acolytes with process. Procession went really well. Will think about posting signs to ask for silence after procession. Foot washing was well organized but not many people came forward, however, there were more this year than last. Adoration was well attended.

QUESTION: Should we start to use the bulletin more for catechesis? When holy events or days are coming would it be a good idea to include information on traditions or explanations of why we do things in the weekly bulletin?

* April 14: Good Friday – Very large crowd, the church was almost full. One sacristan is fine for Good Friday but it might be a good idea to have a shadow sacristan for future educational purpose.
* April 15: Easter Vigil – Mass was well attended. Did not use lower level even though it was set up. Reception was held downstairs. Thanks to Art and Eileen DeArmond for setting up chairs for the reception. Only had one sacristan which was fine but could use a shadow for passing information on. Should invite sacristan to rehearsal and meet with Judy Duncan to go through everything that will happen during mass. Baptisms were messy but went well. Janet Steenlage sent scripts out to all ministers. An idea for next year is to have ministers carry flowers in during procession. Possibly use a portable container to hold the fire—there are metal “bowls” that are used for temporary fires. Have attendees enter church and stand on outside edge of room in circle rather than sitting down. Fire could be brought in to the church and then have people light their candles from the fire that is brought in so the fire moves through and lights the room as people light their candles.
* April 16: Easter Sunday – (8:30 a.m.) Approximately 950 people attended. People came really early to mass. Possibly note in bulletin that mass will be crowded so don’t wait until the last minute to come to church. Need to remember to send someone downstairs to sprinkle holy water. Should mark handicapped seating to be ADA compliant.
* April 23: First Eucharist at all Masses – Used lower level for all three masses. Need to remember to send someone downstairs to sprinkle holy water.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 6/7: Parish Elections** – For future elections consider moving baskets to back of church for when registered church members come in they can pick up a ballot and pencil then baskets only have to be passed one time during mass.

**May 21: Graduation Mass at 11:00** **a.m**.– Graduates will be part of the procession at 11:00 a.m. mass. All graduating students who attend our church are invited to wear their graduation gowns and participate. Group picture will be taken after mass.

**June 4: Pentecost** – Decorating June 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Banners will be carried by two EMs in procession after the cross. Father Lopez will celebrate 11:00 a.m. mass with Fr. Page. Add a note in the bulletin and on the website asking parishioners to wear red.

**June 17/18: Father Page’s 30th Anniversary of Ordination** – Picnic potluck after 5:15 p.m. mass. Knights are grilling and attendees should bring something to share. 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. will serve cake after masses.

**June 18: Father’s Day** --Father Page will bless all fathers.

**June 22: St. Thomas More Feast Day** -- Since this is on a week day, we will put notice in bulletin. This is the day the new bishop is being installed. We will put a note in the worship aid the week after.

**ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**– Mary Kelley

* Starburst backdrop is beautiful. Lots of Facebook comments on how it looks. New form is much easier to put up and take down. Old starburst is in the Reservation Chapel.
* Ordinary time will have new panels that will go up for the summer.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

* Installation of Fr. Chuck Adam should be done in the first six weeks after new assignment. Judy will handle the schedule for this event which will likely be in late July or early August. Thoughts are that the installation might take place at 11:00 a.m. mass with a luncheon to follow.
* Hearing Assistant Packs are ready to use. The decision has not been made of where to locate them. When that decision has been made all sacristans and ushers should be notified where they are and how to use them. Currently they are located behind the wall behind where the choir stands. Signs need to be created and posted announcing the opportunity to use them. Some testing needs to be done to see how they work and how easy they are to use.

**Request from Parish Council – Accomplishments in Last Four Years and Goals in the Next Year.**

*Accomplishments:*

* W & S Committee is proud of having finished the lower level of the church.
* W & S Committee is proud that the use of lower level is being used more every week.
* W & S Committee is proud that our planning prepares participants to present masses and events that run smoothly.
* W & S Committee is proud of having a program in place to bring new people on board and do training for critical parts of the mass.
* W & S Committee is proud of having church representatives at the doors to greet visitors as they come in to mass.

*Goals:*

* W & S Committee has a goal to improve the children’s literature program and provide it on a regular basis.
* W & S Committee has a goal to put in place a ministry for single church members.
* W & S Committee has a goal to put in place a ministry for divorced and widowed church members.
* W & S Committee has a goal to provide childcare during mass.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Thursday, June 1, 2017**