**MINUTES**

**SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**April 10, 2018**

Present: Kathy Ritger, Karen Scheberl, Fr. Tom, Scott Frechette, Evie Mather, Diane Vollmer

Excused: Karen Bodden, Jim Vogenthaler

Minutes of the March meeting approved.

**Old Business**:

Comments were made that the Lenten Booklets were good.

Seder Meal had 43 in attendance, which was more than last year. There were some new faces which was good to see. Just a reminder to serve Grape Juice next year to those who do not want wine. Suggestion to look at the cost of the kid’s meal and maybe lower it somewhat to entice more families with kids. Maybe lower the adult meal also?

Easter Week services were well attended with good participation for the singing and praying. Fr. T. said this was one of the best years and that the Holy Saturday attendance was the largest since he has come. He also thanks everyone for their help. Comments were made on how impressive the Easter fire was on Holy Saturday. The inclement weather did not allow an outside fire.

Evie had some suggestions for Easter decorating at St. Mary’s and will check with Kathy on what kind of inventory might be available already.

**New Business:**

Jim V. will again hold Rosary Devotions in May. The dates will be:

Monday, May 7th at St. Andrew’s

Monday, May 14th at St. Theresa’s

and Monday May 21st at St Mary’s. The time will be 6:30 p.m. each evening.

Jim will get the dates of the devotions into the bulletin.

Jim also has the go ahead to insert a flyer into the bulletin to promote that the Vatican has announced Pope Francis’ decision that the church celebrate The Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” on Monday, May 21st. If anyone has any ideas that could help in promoting this, please send them to Jim.

Karen S. checked into a bus for the Matthew Kelly presentation in Milwaukee on June 23rd. The cost would be expensive for the bus, so suggested persons interested just carpool. The tickets are now $39. Karen S. will be the contact for anyone wishing to purchase tickets and carpool. She will get info into next weeks’ bulletin.

**Pastor’s Report**:

**Parish Council Report-**

Volunteer Appreciation will be April 21st . Persons attending are asked to sign up by this weekend. Nominations for the Cornerstone Award are due by May 6th. Nominations are due for Parish Council today. All committees are asked to put a copy of their minutes on the website.

**Other Business**:

Kathy suggested we do something special for Pentecost, May 20. A previous year we asked all to wear red. One year 7 candles were brought forth for the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. More discussion and ideas will follow at our May meeting.

The date of the outdoor mass will be Sunday, July 15th at St. Theresa’s. Karen S. said she talked to the St. Ann’s Sodality at St. Theresa’s and they are willing to help our committee that day.

Karen S. suggested we ask the Knights of Columbus if their large tent will be available for use on the 15th. Diane will give info to Mike V. so he can bring it up at their next KC meeting. More discussion will follow on the outdoor mass at our May and June meetings.

The Opportunity Fair is scheduled for the same date as the Outdoor Mass. Each committee will have information regarding their individual committees for view. We will start thinking about what we want to present for our committee. There will also be some kids’ games as last year.

*Our committee is scheduled for the June prayer. Kathy has graciously volunteered to take charge.*

Mystery of Faith Booklet- Discussion on pages 66 & 67. Page 68 will be discussed at May meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: May 8, 2018 6:30 p.m. St. Theresa’s

 Goals:

1. Encourage Prayer & Worship members to attend workshops offered by Archdiocese, LARCSWORC and others that will help us to understand liturgy and effectively plan for the seasons.
2. Environment – continue to work on this to make worship space welcoming and enhance worship experience.
3. Music – continue to develop this ministry
4. Youth – look for ways to include youth in liturgy
5. Commissioning of Ministers
6. Be on top of what’s happening in our world and be aware of the service aspect of reaching out to others, whether in prayer opportunities in church, collections of food, clothing, money, etc.