

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – May 2, 2017

Present: Dawn Wenzl, Msgr. Luna, Gerard Cordero, Jeanine Fried, Louise Davis, Christine Nathe, Patti Mitchel, Sr. Kathleen Hurley, Deacon George Miller, Elizabeth Slimak, Sister Kathleen Hurley, John Caldwell, Krista Rashap

Excused Absences: Larry Connell, Teresa Madrid, Michael Jones, Zeke Ortiz

Opening Prayer & Mission Statements:

All recited the Liturgy Committee Opening prayer:

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we endeavor to prayerfully and reverently serve the Lord, our God, as Liturgical Ministers at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. May we lead by the example of our own personal spiritual lives, and by our actions each and every day. As we serve, may we always remember that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ; and that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts, and love of one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

All recited the mission statements for the Parish and for the Liturgy Committee.

Approval of the Agenda for May 2, 2017

Added "Scheduling" to Other Items. Approval of the agenda as amended was moved (Christine), seconded (John), and passed.

Approval of Minutes from February 21, 2017

Add Krista Rashap to the attendance.

Approval of the minutes as amended was moved (John), seconded (Louise), and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Sound System – Someone went into sound cabinet in the Sacristy and turned off the wireless microphones. Liz removed the key from the sound cabinet and will label the key. It will be stored with the other keys.

Teen Mass, March 12 – There was a lot of positive feedback about the teens handling their roles; however, no one greeted Msgr. One extraordinary minister dropped a host, but followed the correct protocol. Deacon George would like to have another Teen Mass in the fall, but proposed to start the formation earlier than the first Teen Mass. The proposed future dates for Teen Masses are on November 19th and January 21st.

Krista suggested to plan for the future after November 19th. She suggested to continue having EMs from the Teen Mass serving between now and November to keep them involved and engaged. Gerard cautioned that we may lose momentum and some consistency if we take too

many breaks in between. Establishing a Teen Mass on some kind of regular schedule would be a good idea.

Ash Wednesday – The 430 and 9am Masses and 1215 service were full. We planned for attendance to be standing room only, but we actually did not need to plan for these attendance numbers. Msgr. proposed having 8 ministers in the future for distributing ashes and Communion.

Krista suggested to have 6 ministers for 9am and 1215, or increase to 7 at 9 and then back off for 1215.

Msgr. said we could consider distributing the Precious Blood for Ash Wednesday since attendance is not standing room only.

For the future, ashes need to be ordered earlier; as early as January. Ash Wednesday is 2/14 next year.

Rice Bowl offering boxes were not distributed on Ash Wednesday. Fortunately, people came through with their participation of the Rice Bowl.

Lenten Mission – Two Masses were held on Monday and Tuesday and went well with no issues. The flow for each night went well. People from all over the diocese came. Attendance was not only parishioners from St. Joseph's.

Msgr. was proud of the hospitality that was offered. People who visited truly felt welcomed.

Penance Service – Not as many priests were available this year because there were other Penance Services occurring on the same evening. At least three priests were not available. Everything still worked out. Attendance did not seem as high as in previous years, but the service still ran the same time.

Palm Sunday – Too many palms were ordered this year. There was one box of palms leftover.

For next year, do not order the fan palms for the children since they are more expensive. Place the order for palms in January.

Spring Break falls on Holy Week next year. We can consider distributing the Precious Blood for Palm Sunday next year since attendance may be less. **Discuss this at the Liturgy Committee meeting in January.**

Holy Thursday – The camera was not responding to the touch pad, but luckily, it was pointing at the right spot. The Liturgy went well, and the procession went smoothly; however, the prie dieus were in the way of the tabernacle. **For next year, mark the location of where to position the prie dieus so they are not in the way of the priest.** This idea is similar to where we mark the position of the chair for the feet washing.

John mentioned that the top hinge of the tabernacle is little bent. He repaired it as best as possible so that the door opens and closes a little easier, but the hinge is still a little bent.

Good Friday – More booklets are needed for the outdoor Stations of the Cross (the St. Alfonso Ligouri version). Gerard liked the changes that were made to the script for this year's Good Friday service. It made the service flow better.

Easter Vigil – Archbishop Emeritus concelebrated. During Communion, people started coming up too early. Neophytes need to be ministered Communion first before other members of the assembly.

The fire worked well this year. The front camera was working and showed the fire on the screens. If everyone stays behind the fire rather than the front of the fire, the camera would not be blocked.

Feedback for next year:

- Do a count of congregation candles needed. Check with Mary Ann on the numbers needed for the larger RCIA candles. Order the congregation, RCIA, and Paschal candles in January.
- Determine the camera position and angles during the rehearsal for Easter Vigil.
- The lights behind the screens need to be turned off. The porch lights should also be turned off. Add these lights to the sequence of lights that are turned off in the script.
- Servers should help shine flashlights where needed:
 - When the Paschal Candle is being decorated.
 - Deacon approaching the altar with Paschal Candle.
- Have a rehearsal for the Breaking of the Word; would help Msgr. in knowing which Gloria will be sung.
- Have a rehearsal with Neophytes AND Godparents to help understand how to dress Neophytes with garments. This would help with time in getting them changed. Two sets of garments should be ordered early so one set can be used as part of the rehearsal, and the other set can be used during the Easter Vigil.

For future reference, the fire is comprised of a coffee can with roll of toilet paper that has been soaked in isopropyl alcohol. This information will be added to the script.

There was only one MC for the Easter Vigil this year. Two MCs for Easter Vigil would be very useful. Having only one MC seemed to create a few mistakes that are usually addressed by a second MC.

Easter Sunday –Art and Environment looked wonderful. The garden area seemed to have gotten larger between Masses, causing difficulty for people to return to the pews during Communion. A cup minister was too close to the piano, and people were confused of where to go to return to the pews. We can mark where the EM should stand and maybe have an usher direct the EM on where to stand.

Krista will update the position map and send out reminders. The assembly members should be walking behind the garden.

NEW BUSINESS

First Communion – Rehearsal is at 630 on May 10. Gerard will meet with the two children who will be singing the Psalm before the rehearsal for Mass.

Confirmation – Rehearsal is May 7 at 3pm. The Confirmation Mass is 5/17 at 6pm. Fr. John Daniel will be the President.

OTHER ITEMS

Scheduling – Nothing new or changed for the summer.

The Mass for for Sr. Kathleen’s retirement is on June 9 at 6pm.

Robert Bustamate will have a Mass of Thanksgiving at Noon Mass on June 4.

Dawn is in charge of coordinating altars for Corpus Christi (June 18).

Msgr. closed the meeting in prayer.