

## **Worship Commission Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 11, 2019 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Present were Peggy White, Dottie Buerger, Peggy Hager, Paul Bresciani, Janet Bresciani, Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho, Fr. Del Staigers, Tom Baker, Mindy Dannemiller, Dave Heilmann. Excused were Steve Gerwe, Nick Robben, Dan Murphy. There were no unexcused absent.

Meeting began at 6:31pm with reflection on the coming weekend's Gospel, read by Dottie Buerger. The minutes were approved from the September 16, 2019 meeting.

Member Reports (agenda items in red, decisions in black bold):

### **Art and Environment** (Peggy Hager):

- Ordinary Time for Art & Environment is the easy season. I purchased matching plant pots to house the tall palm trees that Fr. Del purchased.
  - In the interest of full disclosure, I will state that my husband Bill and I liberated a few rocks from the side garden at church to use as weight so that the pots won't tip over 😊
- When Advent banners are put up, I will take that time to mend the ribbons on the banners that are there to ensure the banners do not fall. The ribbons are frayed. Jan Doherty and I will put up the Advent banners on Saturday Nov 30 in the am.
- Jan & I met at church last Tuesday (11/5) so we could envision what flowers to purchase for Christmas decorating. I had an idea that Jan liked and we would like to run it by the Worship Commission, and especially Fr. Del, before a flower order is placed.
  - The idea is to move the crib set, including the creche, onto the altar steps, specifically in front of the ambo. The three kings and camel would be on the steps nearest the baptismal font (on their way from the East). The kings would stay there until the Feast of the Epiphany when they would join the Holy Family.
  - This idea came from a conversation that began at our last Worship Commission meeting, specifically to make the Crib set more prominent in the church. **Creche will be moved to the steps on the presider's chair side.**
- Other, less dramatic, changes we would like to consider are to add white lights to the palm trees and philodendron plants that will be on the back wall of the altar with the poinsettias, and to purchase two small pre-lit artificial trees to be placed in the large flower pots that sit at the entrance to the Church. All of these suggestions, with the flower placement we mapped out, will land us within the

**budget.** All suggestions given the OK. Need to order new holy water font with 4” base.

**Baptism** (Mindy Dannemiller):

- Meet with 4 couples on Tuesday evening (Nov. 12).
- Newly-revised standard for baptisms at St. Veronica (I can explain at the meeting)<sup>1</sup>

**Bereavement** (Dottie Buerger):

- Bereavement has had 4 funerals since the last meeting.
- The candle ceremony for all Saints day went well. We had 31 deceased represented by the candles. About 20 family members showed up and bereavement team and other parishioners carried up the candles for those who didn't have someone there to carry their candle. If you know anyone who had a family member whose funeral was at St. V in the last year, if they haven't picked up their candle, they may still get them. I'm not sure if they're still at the Church or have been moved to the Ministry Center.

**Eucharistic Ministers** (Steve Gerwe):

- No Report

**Greeters & Gift Bearers** (Peggy White):

- No report

**Lectors** (Janet Bresciani):

- Lector workbooks have been ordered, and will be available for pick up within the next week or two. I will send my lector ministry “brush up” email when the workbooks are here.
- I have been paying particular attention to the lectors carrying the book of Gospels, and have noticed that MORE lectors actually DO turn and bow after placing the book on the altar, than not. After our discussion at the last meeting, I had the idea that neither way is actually liturgically incorrect, so now I wonder if **it might be easier to instruct those who are not bowing, to bow after placing the book on the altar. Simply easier to change the minority than the majority. Or should we just leave it alone?** **Will update Lector guidelines and inform all ministers to always bow towards the altar upon entering or exiting the Sanctuary, unless they are holding something.**
- I will start working on the Holy Days/Holiday lector schedule soon. As we have done in the recent past, lectors for the Holidays will be by invitation, not by

random sign up via the online scheduler. The thought is that this will give more lectors an opportunity to read (not first come, first served), as well as ensures the stronger lectors will be assigned to the more important/greatly attended liturgies.

- In recent weeks, a few lectors have brought to my attention the subject of petitions. At times the wording is awkward, and sometimes repetitive. I have done a bit of minor editing in some instances, but wonder about the process of writing/selecting the petitions. **Will address with Carol.**

#### Music (Paul Bresciani):

- The choir will be singing 21 choral anthems this year, the most we've done.
- The Brass Quartet and Timpani will be back for Christmas again this year.
- The School VE completed their first trimester obligations to sing at Mass on the weekends. Attendance has been exceptional.
- Purchased Fr. Alex his own microphone

#### Servers (Nick Robben):

- Trained 2 new Servers.
- Issue with newest Servers in performing their tasks – will address.

#### Ushers (Dave Heilmann):

- One new usher for Saturday.
- Other Masses are generally well covered.
- Sent a note to ushers about being friendly to people who offer to pitch in, and that there is no rule against doing more than one ministry at a Mass (though we strive to have people do no more than one).

#### At-large (Tom Baker):

- No report, but brought up that some EM's are not making eye contact with the people they are distributing to. **Steve Gerwe will remind the EM's.**

#### Parochial Vicar (Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho):

- Our liturgies are great. The choir does a great job on Sundays 9:30 morning Mass. How I wish other Masses had more singers, so that all people, regardless which Mass they attend, enjoy the liturgical music and worship at St. Veronica. Is it possible to expand the choir for other Masses?
- My only concern is with new servers. Every time we have new servers they make mistakes. As someone who has ever served, it is not easy to remember everything when one is serving for the first time. I suggest that new servers be scheduled with other servers with experience so that they get some guidance as they serve for the first time. If it happens that the only servers available are serving for their

first time, it would be helpful if someone sits behind them to remind them, should they forget what they are supposed to do.

- Mystery of Faith Books were passed out, and chapters 1-5 were given as “homework.”
- Liturgical Ministry Thank You Cards planning discussed at length, making sure all ministries and ministers are covered. Hoping to have each ministry head sign the cards to their respective ministries.
- Frs. Del notes: Discussed the new welcome area in the old church office area adjacent to church. Will need to do business in welcome area as well. Thanked Peggy for inside church work.
- Advent/Christmas Planning
  - Dec. 4, Advent Taizé Prayer – **Janet to get Lector**
  - Dec. 12, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – **only for St. Veronica parish.**
  - (Dec. 9, Immaculate Conception – not obligatory) – **only Mass will be normal 7:30am Mass.**
  - Dec. 24, Christmas Decorating time to start – **after 11:30am Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> as usual.**
  - Dec. 24 & 25, Christmas – **3, 5:30, 11 & 9:30 as usual**
  - Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, Holy Mother of God – **4 & 9:30 as usual**
  - other: Giving Tree goes up Nov. 16, collection day is Dec. 8

Meeting concluded with prayer at 7:50pm.