

Worship Commission Meeting Minutes – January, 2020

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

Meeting began at 6:29pm with reflection on the coming weekend's Gospel, read by Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho. The minutes were approved from the November 11, 2019 meeting.

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

Art and Environment (Peggy Hager):

- Christmas Flowers 2019:
 - We place a standard order with Benken Florist. Then we received an offer from Kate Geowey of Natorps in Mason to have 20 additional 8" poinsettias donated by Natorps. We placed these additional plants throughout the church and narthex .I sent a thank you card with photos of the sanctuary to Kate Geowey c/o Natorps.
 - The Nativity set was placed on the steps of the altar for the Christmas Season. I moved the 3 Kings over to join the Holy Family for the Feast of the Epiphany. They will all come down the afternoon of Christ's Baptism.
- Ordinary Time:
 - Green banners and altar cloths will go back up on Sunday afternoon, January 12.
 - I would just like to have a few minutes to see what anyone thought about having the crib set on the steps, i.e. will we be doing it again next year? **The new placement of the Nativity Scene was very well received and we'll do the same next year.**

Baptism (Mindy Dannemiller):

- We (the office) are enforcing our baptismal criteria: need to be active, registered St. Veronica parishioners. We'll work with families to help them become registered and active, but families need to understand that baptism is a sacrament; not something they mark off their check list for their child.
- I'm currently updating our Godparent Verification form.

Bereavement (Dottie Buerger):

- We've had 3 Funerals since our last meeting. I haven't been able to plan or help with any of them. But, thanks to Ray Meyer and Larry Fronk, they have gone well.

Eucharistic Ministers (Steve Gerwe):

- Contacted Liturgical Sacristan regarding missing assignment. Asked if we need to replace or if she could request a substitute in the event she was unable to attend.
- Contacted EMofHC for the week of Scout Sunday, February 9th. Scouts hope to replace at least 4 EMofHC positions. I will monitor as we get closer to the date.
- The special Masses did get covered, and thanks to all for any participation/coverage that you provided.
- No other issues as we move into the Ordinary Time calendar.

Greeters & Gift Bearers (Peggy White):

- No report

Lectors (Janet Bresciani):

- Lector Workbooks came in and were given to every Lector on the schedule.
- **Would like to see petitions sent out earlier. Reason for late petitions identified, will ask that petitions be sent out separately before Liturgical Notes.**

Music (Paul Bresciani):

- We had close to 50 musicians for Christmas, including 26 at 11pm, and 18 in the Children's Choir at 3pm.
- The organ has been outfitted with the ability to use a "Virtual Pipe Organ," which use a computer to play sounds sampled from famous organs from throughout the world.

Servers (Nick Robben):

- No report

Ushers (Dave Heilmann):

- Marge Bengal moving to 11:30, should be pretty solid now for all Masses.

At-large (Tom Baker):

- No report

Parochial Vicar (Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho):

- Some time back, it happened that most of the Eucharistic Ministers were teens, who happened to distribute the precious blood. At the end of

distribution of communion there was a lot of precious blood that remained. Being young, they could not consume it. It was all left for me, almost 2 cups full. It was too much for me. **After that experience I felt that it will be proper if young Eucharistic Ministers of blood are mixed with old people who might consume the remaining precious blood should there be some left over. Steve Gerwe address with Liturgical Sacristans, bypassing kids distributing the Precious Blood.**

- We have some excellent servers, but we still have a few who are not yet confident. **I suggest that effort be made to assign new servers with those who have more experience. Or, if they need more training I will be happy to do that. Nick Robben address with Servers, offer renewal of duties.**

Pastor (Fr. Del Staigers):

- Wished to thank all involved in our Christmas liturgies for the beautiful season.

Business:

Donut Social: Worship Commission is responsible for helping with the Feb. 2 donut social, that coincides with Confirmation after the 11:30am Mass. Tom Baker and Steve Gerwe volunteered for 8am, Dottie Buerger for 11:30 if possible. **Volunteers will be sought from those not in attendance.**

Bill Frantz (Stewardship Commission):

- The Stewardship Commission has recommended doing a greeting and welcoming before Mass, at the ambo by a Lector, where the assembly would be welcomed and invited to greet and introduce themselves to people seated nearby. **Approved after discussion, will introduce with catechesis, will try for 6 weeks.**
- Bill gave the Worship Commission a heads up on a Faith Formation initiative, where they will present a Lenten Series with Soup Suppers beforehand. Worship Commission will be responsible for helping on March 18.

Evaluation of Advent and Christmas Liturgies

- Dec. 4, Taizé Prayer – **very well done, well received.**
- Dec. 12, 1st Reconciliation – **prayerful, and good timing.**
- Dec. 24/25, Christmas – **excellent music, environment, preaching. Slight decrease in attendance number at 5:30pm, while 11pm increased quite a bit. Tom Baker's outdoor**

manger was given rave reviews. **Discussed moving 11pm Mass to 10pm.** Many pros and cons, will investigate and poll many more parishioners.

- Dec. 31/Jan. 1, Mary, Holy Mother of God – 4pm was very well attended, a large increase, 9:30am about average.

Preparations for upcoming Liturgies

- February 2 Confirmation (11:30am Sunday Mass)
 - **Ready to go, Worship Commission will help with Donut Social.**
- February 26 – Ash Wednesday (Times Liturgies/Masses)
 - Liturgy of the Word with Ashes – 6:30am, Noon & 7pm
 - Mass – 9am. **After much discussion, added 7:30am Mass.**
 - March 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent (Rite of Sending, 9:30am?) **Confirmed.**

New Business:

- Tom Baker asked if we had a security plan for church on the weekend. **Fr. Del mentioned St. John Fisher had the police come in to talk to parishioners about a security plan, may do the same for St. Veronica.**

Recognition of Peggy White's 8 Years of Service to Worship Commission:

- A thank you card was given to Peggy and a cake was enjoyed by commission members.

Meeting concluded with prayer at 8:35pm.