

Minutes
Worship Commission
St. Veronica Church
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Attendance, present: Fr. Del, Fr. Alex, Paul Bresciani, Janet Bresciani, Steve Gerwe, Dottie Buerger, Tom Baker, Peggy Hager. **Excused:** Mindy Dannemiller, Nick Robben.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32, Steve Gerwe read, followed by discussion.

Business:

- May 2020 minutes approved with no changes.
- Member Report Review
 - Peggy's concerns on pew sanitizing were discussed. **Continue light sanitizing between Masses, heavy sanitizing twice a week.**
 - Peggy mentioned Tue. & Fri. Mass attendees would like to sing opening and closing hymns. **Paul will start picking music and printing worship aids for this.**
 - Tom heard positive comments about the hard work being done to keeping things running smoothly.
- Adding the 11:30am Mass – **11:30am Sunday Mass added starting in October.**
- Christmas Liturgy Planning – Mass Times, Signups, **lengthy discussions**
The Commission recommended: Christmas Eve, 2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, Christmas Day, 8am, 9:30am.
The Archbishop declared no Mass could start on Christmas Eve before 3pm.
Final Schedule: Eve, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, Day, 8am, 9:30am.

- Fall Reminders for Ministers – “Brush Up Formation” Email
 Instead – thank people for stepping up, other ideas
 EMAIL COORDINATORS, maybe snail mail 2021
- Parish Leadership Morning - **Postponed**
- Liturgical Ministers’ Appreciation Night - **Postponed**
- Future Concerns – **All Souls Day Remembrance moved to actual day, Mon., Nov. 2, 7pm.**
- Dave asked if we will continue collections on weekdays? **Yes**

Worship Commission Member Reports – September, 2020

Art and Environment (Peggy Hager):

- Holy Week/Easter: purple banners down on Spy Wednesday and White/Gold banners up for Holy Thursday. After Holy Thursday, White/Gold banners came down and placed on 2 pews at the end of the row closest to the credence table and were put back up on Holy Saturday. White/Gold banners stayed until Pentecost when Red banners went up. Green banners then went up and are in place now until Advent.
- All of the ribbons on the banners were repaired.
- Since masses at Easter and for many weeks after were live streamed, only a few Easter lilies were purchased by St. Veronica Church to be placed on the altar. Other flowers were purchased by Jan Doherty and me with the thought that when they needed sunshine, we would take them home.
- Pentecost flowers were purchased as well as two peace lilies. The peace lilies will remain on the altar throughout Ordinary Time and Advent.

Concerns:

- When parishioners were invited back to mass, all pews were regularly sprayed with an anti-bacterial spray after mass. This caused a build-up of a sticky residue. During the week before school began and the first week of class, all pews that parishioners sit in were cleaned. A diluted cleaning solution was used on the handrails. Murphy’s Oil Soap and then anti-bacterial spray Pledge was used on the seats and seat backs. Since the spray is still being used, the build-up of residue will occur again.

- I have read the ingredients of the spray. I expect that a chemist could pronounce the name of the main ingredient and know what it does, but I'm concerned that it might be denaturing the finish.

At-large (Tom Baker):

- Nothing to report

Baptism (Mindy Dannemiller):

- We have not had many baptisms due to COVID, but things are picking up. The baptisms are all private ceremonies following 9:30 mass.

Bereavement (Dottie Buerger):

- There have been several funerals since our last meeting including 3 this week. They have been small because of COVID and social distancing. Some have been streamed for those who couldn't come. Ben has helped out at a couple of them but I haven't been at any since COVID. Fr. Del would be able to report more on them as he has planned and ministered at most of them. Hopefully, we'll be able to be more involved in the near future.

Eucharistic Ministers (Steve Gerwe):

- Distribution Ministers are slowly resuming volunteering. 3 + Presider on Weekends and Sacristan + Presider on weekdays seems to work well.
- Haven't received feedback from school Masses, Bill Franz will contact 8th graders for possible training and Ministry.
- Using some old smaller hosts and will continue to deplete these. Round hosts are now available.
- Distancing protocols and sanitation procedures seem to work without disrupting spirit of sacrament.
- I will reach out to all EMofHC for additional help as we prepare the October calendar.

Lectors (Janet Bresciani):

- We currently have 24 active volunteer lectors. Most are reading multiple times per month. I am hoping to recruit more lector volunteers for the month of October to lighten the load of those already reading, as we will have 13 Lector spots each week when we add the 11:30am Mass.

Music (Paul Bresciani):

- Our new live-streaming equipment is ordered and due to be installed very soon. We will be live-streaming 10 Masses per week starting in October, with music at 8 of them.
- Choir is officially on hiatus until it is safe to return. No weekly choir rehearsals, presently.

Parochial Vicar (Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho):

- No report

Servers (Nick Robben):

- No report

Ushers (Dave Heilmann):

- A few 11:30 ushers said they would usher again when Masses start. Not sure if might need to take some off of weeknights, so we should decide on 9/22 meeting if we want collections still on weeknights.
- Had an issue where a new usher was told not needed/wasn't made to feel welcome. I have not dealt with this yet, will do when re-working schedule with new Mass added.