

Minutes
Worship Commission
St. Veronica Church
Meeting by Email, Mar. 16, 2020
St. Catherine of Siena Meeting Room – Ministry Center

Gospel: John 4:5-42

- Formation – *The Mystery of Faith* Chapters 6-10 – **Postponed.**

Business:

- January Minutes Approval – Motion to approve by Dottie, seconded by Peggy – minutes approved.
- **Need Greeter/Gift Bearer Coordinator** – Suggestions please. No suggestions given.
- **Member Report Discussion**
 - Fr. Del Remarks – You all know that all public Masses have been suspended, as well as all activities at the parish. We will be Facebook Live streaming the 9:30am Mass on Sundays in the interim.
 - Gospel Intro's in Worship Aid – Peggy – Peggy asked if perhaps the responses to Fr. Alex's singing the introduction and conclusion to the Gospel could be put in the worship aid – sometimes when singing, it's hard to remember what to sing. Fr. Del does not want that to be normative, and we will not put those in the worship aid.
 - Guidelines for "Substitute" Masses - Janet
 - (Confirmation, Boy and Girl Scout Sundays, etc.) – to solve a problem with "substituting" liturgical ministers for the aforementioned Masses, we've come up with a plan. These Masses need to be scheduled and planned in the fall. Requests for minister substitution will be sent to our liturgical coordinators, and all planning will be made at the time, and if needed, volunteers to step down from their jobs will be requested.
 - Soup Supper Reminder (Mar. 18) – **Cancelled.**
 - Coronavirus – stop receiving on the tongue/distributing the precious blood? **Already implemented.**

- **Evaluation of January-March Liturgies**
 - Confirmation (Feb. 2) **Evaluations below.**
 - Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) **Evaluations below.**
 - Rite of Sending (Mar. 1) **Evaluations below.**
 - Stations of the Cross **Evaluations below.**
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word **Evaluations below.**

- **Preparations for March and April liturgical celebrations**
 - We will implement the relevant decisions made by the Worship Commission last year, see handout.
 - We will stream the 9:30am Sunday Masses at least through Easter, plus the Triduum Masses at the times listed below.
 - **We will not need LS's, EM's, Ushers, Greeters or Servers.**
 - Scrutinies (Mar. 15, 22, 28) **2nd and 3rd Scrutinies are cancelled.**
 - ~~Taizé, Soup and Service (Mar. 25)~~
 - Holy Week (see attached 2019 Decisions)
 - Palm Sunday (Apr. 5) – we will switch to how St. John Fisher reads the Passion – using 4 lectors for a straight through reading. There will be no processions this year.
 - Holy Thursday (Apr. 9, 7pm) – no washing of the feet
 - Good Friday (Apr. 10, 1pm) – **Using St. John Fisher style Passion.**
 - ~~Easter Vigil (Apr. 11, 8:30pm) – Canceled.~~
 - Easter Sunday (Apr. 12, 9:30am)
 - First Communions (Apr. 26, May 2 & 3) **TBD**

Member Email Evaluations

Dottie Buerger:

I approve the January Minutes.

Maybe ask someone who is a regular Greeter/ Gift Bearer to be Coordinator of these.

The only event I went to for Evaluation was the Stations of the Cross with George Ecker leading it. I thought it went well but, a few of the regular attendees of the Stations don't like the new ones. I thought they were ok but not like us older folks are used to. It's too bad that more people don't come to the Stations. It's mostly older people, I think there were about 20 the one time I was able to go this year.

What is the plan for Catechumens? So sorry that we are missing Mass especially the Easter Vigil which is my favorite mass. Watching on line is better than not at all but I miss being part of the community and receiving the Eucharist.

Peggy Hager:

I also approve minutes.

Regarding liturgical events, Ash Wednesday 7:30 am mass was well attended. Thank you for adding it back to the schedule!

I also attended the final Stations of the Cross on March 13. I enlarged the booklet pages to make it easier to read. There were 5 in attendance, Barb & Al Razzano were there in a pew. Barb came especially since she was scheduled to lector at the next session on 3/20 which was subsequently cancelled. There were 3 others each in their own pew. Comments I have heard from regulars is that they prefer the version from last year compared to Pope Francis' version.

My question for the group, if appropriate...

Mindy sent me the wording for Art & Environment description that is in the Parish Directory. It states that dates/times for decorating church are to be published in the bulletin so that others may join in on decorating.

This is not something that I have been doing. The question is whether this should be done or can we delete those sentences from the A&E description?

Tom Baker:

I approve the minutes.

We were grateful for the on-line celebration of the liturgy.

Janet Bresciani:

All looks good to me, although I do have a couple of questions/suggestions.

1. In regard to the scheduling of liturgical ministers for the special Masses, (Confirmation, First Communion, Girl Scout Sunday, Boy Scout Sunday, etc.), if we have these Masses scheduled in the fall (as

suggested), we should simply also schedule the special ministers at that time. That way we won't have to "unask" the regularly scheduled ministers, they will simply have a bye week scheduled. That would hopefully eliminate confusion and the awkward situation of "unasking".

2. To follow up with Peggy's feedback on the Stations, maybe next year we could rotate using different versions of the stations each week. I'm guessing different people have different favorites. Do we have books for other versions? Just a suggestion....
3. Also, follow up on Peggy's feedback regarding Ash Wednesday. The 7pm prayer service was also very well attended. Although the service was very nice, several people (particularly choir members) mentioned their disappointment that it was not a Mass. Maybe this topic can be revisited for next year.

- **Other Business**

Next Worship Meeting: May 11, 7pm Zoom Meeting
Formation – *Postponed*

**Prayer: O Lord, support us all the day long,
Until the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world lies hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest,
and peace at the last.
Amen.**