Worship Committee Meeting Notes

May 5, 2021 – 7:00 AM

Attendees: Father Walter Stumpf, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Mike Collom, Diana Van Straten, Jane Varick, Bob Varick

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kim Hofacker

Meeting opened with prayer led by Father Walter.

Suggestions and comments from Father Walter

- Plans for returning to normal Mass (as Covid restrictions continue to ease)
    - Altar servers
        - At this time, altar servers are not assisting at the altar, and only have the duties of vesting, lighting candles, and ringing bells.
        - Currently, we only have altar servers at the Friday Mass, however, there are plans to bring servers back to the weekend Masses in the future.
    - Peace
        - Get back to a hands-free sign of peace starting today.

New Business

- Mass with Bishop Dan Felton on Sunday, May 30th
    - Will need additional ushers on the schedule and additional chairs to be set out.
- Confirmation Mass on Saturday, June 5th
    - Light music volume-wise.
    - Additional seating pre-set to accommodate the increased attendance.
- New electronic sign
    - Erin Ebben will be assigned duties of messaging for the new sign.

Old Business

- Kneelers
    - Bishop Ricken granted proxy for installing kneelers in front of pews. Will look at next steps for implementing.
    - Comment about whether moveable kneelers may be a better option, considering the spacing in front of pews, however, Father was clear that we would go with the permanent kneeler option.
- Collection baskets
    - Pat Coenen mentioned there was an incident or two where the long-handle collection baskets may be causing a hazard and hitting people in the head.
    - Jeff will pass the message to the ushers and make sure they are aware and given instruction for holding baskets properly.
- Holy Week
    - All went well. The stations of the cross on Friday evenings was well received, with high youth participation.

Music and Media

- Mrs. Klemp wrote and composed a Mass setting for the children's weekly Mass.
- Polka Mass on Sunday of tractor pull weekend.
    - Mass will not be live streamed on this day as we do not have music rights.
- Mike C. submitted Worship proposal for next year and waiting to hear back.
    - Includes music budget, reduced media spend.
- Organ update
    - Organ listening session on Saturday, May 8th
    - We currently have 40% in donations (committed funds) for the purchase of the organ.
- Received a donation in memory of Berniece Rudolph family for music lighting.

Meeting ended at 8:00 AM with prayer.

Next Worship Meeting is Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 7:00 AM.