

Worship Committee Meeting Notes

January 22, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Deacon Ray Ambrosius, Lynn Collom, Bob Varick, Jane Varick, Diana Van Straten, Father Walter, and Kim Hofacker

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kim Hofacker.

Reviewed and approved minutes from 11/19/19 Worship Meeting.

Old business:

- Music: Lynn will request that Joan notify her directly via e-mail for upcoming baptisms, so that she may prepare and/or let subs know.
- Media: Father Walter asked for feedback on whether the media person should be paid a stipend. The feedback was that it wouldn't be consistent with how we handled others who volunteered their time. However, everyone liked the idea of giving some form of recognition, similar to how Father Walter recognizes new altar servers. Bob is going to work on getting a recognition ready for Jackson Van Straten and have it appear on the media screen this weekend.

Advent feedback – What went well? How can we improve for next year?

- Bob advised that the Christmas tree behind the ambo was causing issues with the media (i.e. it was interfering with auto focus). Bob will let Diana know.
- Suggestion to invest in some on/off switches for the trees, instead of having to plug into the outlets every time. This will be more convenient for turning on the lights. Diana was requested to purchase these and then turn in her receipts for reimbursement.

Mass:

- Eucharistic Adoration – held the 1st Saturday of every month
 - Fr. Walter will do a finer introduction of adoration to get people more familiar.
 - Should we continue to do baptisms at the Mass that falls on the 1st Saturday of the month, since this coincides with Adoration? Father Walter advised that he was only aware of one upcoming baptism that fell on the same night as Adoration. Therefore, not seen as a concern at this time.
 - The other 1st Saturday masses (when there is no baptism or other event), the final hymn will be omitted, and we will go right into Adoration. Lynn will inform the music people. The media person should also be made aware.
- Mary Mother of God – December 31st Mass
 - Father Walter advised that Mass attendance was good
- Catholic Schools Week Mass – January 26th
- Anointing of the Sick Mass
 - Mass offering times – discussion on whether there were enough Mass times to accommodate those who work during the day. It was decided to leave the schedule as it stands today as Mass is offered at both St. Nicholas and St. Edward AM and PM.
- Presentation of the Lord – February 2nd
- St. Blaise – February 1st and 2nd
 - Blessing of the throats will happen after Mass
 - Note: the Saturday Mass is also Eucharistic Adoration. It was decided to do the recessional song, followed with the blessing.
- Ash Wednesday – February 26th

- Children's Mass at 8:15am; Evening Mass at 6:30pm
- Ray will order a symbolic item for RE students to hand out at evening Mass
- Ray will order the Lenten Daily Reflection books and make available for parish members
- Stations of the Cross –
 - To be held Thursdays during Lent, but not the day after Ash Wednesday and not Holy Thursday. Ray will look back to see the start time from last year, and we will follow the same schedule.
 - Ray will coordinate with the persons for leading.
- Holy Thursday Mass
 - Suggestion by Father Walter to add Institution of the Priesthood to the list. He would like to see an emphasis on this and will look into adding this.

Other business:

- Ray shared a list of Worship items/new ideas from Mark Lang for consideration by the committee. We walked through the list and agreed to give these some thought.

Next Meeting - Wed., February 12th at 6:00pm – Father Walter's office

Closed with prayer.