Worship Commission Meeting

17 September, 2022

**PRESENT:** Althea Burrier, Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Mary Ketterhagen, Judy Pollard, Fr. Ryan Pruess, David Ransom, Fr. Edward Sanchez. Harry Schneider, Brian Seel, Ben Skifton, Joann Streeter, Lisa Sutton, Paul Thelen

**EXCUSED:** Eric Contreras, Patty King, Maggie Meyer

The meeting was opened with the members praying together from the prayer for the Season of Creation.

Announcements:

* Welcome Wagon Group: Paul advised that Sabina Carter has a box of books that were used in previous years to distribute to new parishioners. Following the meeting, he gave the box to Mary Ketterhagen so that the committee can review them.
* Latin Flavor Festival: Everything is in place for the Festival on the 18th, following 10:00am Bilingual mass.
* 40th Anniversary Concert: In honor of Paul’s 40 years of service to the Catholic community in Fond du Lac, Paul will be offering a concert on Sunday, September 25, at 2:00pm at Holy Family. In addition to several organ pieces by Paul, he will be joined by the Combined Holy Family choir, The Thelen Sisters, two of his granddaughters, the Lighthouse Big Band, his dance band. There will be a variety of music offered.
* Oktoberfest : The Oktoberfest festival will follow a Bilingual, English and German, mass on Saturday, October 8.
* Children’s Choir: The Children’s Choir has begun practicing. All children, 2nd through 8th Grade, are welcome. There was a question if we should start a Hispanic Children’s Choir but the thinking is they should be encouraged to join this choir. High School age and older are welcome to join one of the adult choirs.
* Organ Update: Work is in progress for a total renovation of the Holy Family Organ. It was built in 1916 and has had renovations done in 1957 & 1995. When it was moved to Holy Family, it was moved as is, so it is due. The organ at Our Risen Savior has had some issues, but it has taken awhile to find a technician to work on it. It is a Rogers organ, and the company will allow only Rogers Certified technicians to work on it. Paul located one in Waupaca. They are currently waiting for the needed parts to arrive.
* Cantors: Judy Pollard is looking for cantors. Paul will speak to the music directors at Springs and Fondy High. Lisa Sutton volunteered herself and her husband, Jim to cantor.
* First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart: The First Friday mass was held at Sacred Heart on the 2nd. Fr. Edward reposted that well received. With the OK of Fr. Ryan, it was offered *Ad orientem*, meaning that during prayers when the priest is praying to God, he faces the same way as the people in the congregation. He handed out a sheet of explanation to the congregation. The Mass was well attended. The feedback that Fr. received was:
	+ 1 Very Unhappy
	+ 1 Either way
	+ 8 Very enthusiastic
* Discontinuing singing hymns at the weekday masses: The intent is to simplify the weekday masses differentiate them from feasts and the Sunday liturgy. Paul will put the subject on the agenda for our next meeting.
* Season of Creation: Martha reported that there are a lot of activities planned, including: discussion led by Fr. Justin, a Prayer Service on Monday, September 19, a mass and picnic at Mauthe Lake, a closing Mass at Dorcas Chapel on October 3.
* Adoration: Lisa Sutton reported that on October 9, there will be a procession from St. Mary’s to Veteran’s Park, where the Rosary will be recited. Fr. Pedro will carry the Monstrance in the procession, and Fr. Michael will be speaking. Sadly, we are losing more adorers than we are gaining. Lisa is looking at creating a rotation for the 6-7:00pm hour on Saturdays. If enough volunteers can be found, they would only have to be on the schedule every so many weeks, depending on how many volunteers there are.

Tabernacle Placement at Holy Family:

* Fr. Ryan introduced the topic and called for foundational discussion. Considering that the next three years have been set aside for Eucharistic Renewal and there will be a Eucharistic Congress next year, this is a big deal. We need to look at future generations, as well as the current, and consider where the Church is heading. He stated that there is nothing wrong with where the Tabernacle is currently located, but asked that we consider that the Archbishop is calling for new churches to place the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary.
* Paul began the discussion with some background on why the Tabernacle is located where it is. The original plans for the church called for an octagonal Day Chapel to be built on the north side of the church, with the Eucharistic Chapel serving both the main church and the chapel. He stressed that our Liturgical Consultant told us to keep in mind “keeping the integrity of the building” in the future when any design changes were considered.
	+ There are a number of considerations to keep in mind as we move on the discussion:
		- The Sanctuary Lamp holder should be in the same design concept as all the other iron work. The original work, cross, Sanctuary Candle, candlesticks, were designed together and ran around $100,000.
		- The iron part of the cross was designed to fit the processional cross-so that there was only one cross.
* Discussion: There was lengthy discussion that followed, with thoughts ranging from “it should be moved”, “it shouldn’t be moved” and “I am ok with it either way”.
* Since this we only the initial discussion, to bring the idea to Prayer and Worship, it was determined that a sub-committee should be formed to continue discussion and bring it to the next P & W meeting.
	+ The Committee will led by Fr. Ryan and include the following volunteers: Paul Thelen, Harry Schneider, Lisa Sutton, David Ransom and Beth Campshure.

Patron Feast Days:

* PBVM November 11: Last year the feast fell on a Sunday and the church was decorated with additional flowers and a donut social followed the mass. Fr. Edward will talk with Chuck and see if he wants to follow up this year, or who he would suggest.
* St. Mary’s December 8: We will include additional petitions.
* Holy Family, the last Sunday in December: Additional petitions will be included. In the past, we have offered opportunities to have family pictures taken by the Nativity, holy cards.
* The remaining sites feast days will be after the new year and our next meeting.

Advent:

* On the 4 Tuesdays of Advent, the priests will presenting talks on the Habits of Holiness:4
	+ Daily Prayer
	+ Confession
	+ Mass
	+ Mortification
* The sessions could possibly be videoed, but it is not the 1st choice of the priests. Fr. Edward will speak with the Priest Team. It is not possible to live stream.
* Each site will be on its own for decorating theme.

Strategic Plan:

* The Council is working on finalizing the Plan. When complete, we will receive our direction.

Future Meetings:

* We will look to meet January, April and again in September. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2023, 9:00am at Holy Family.
	+ Another topic to be added to the agenda for that meeting is a request for daily mass at Holy Family at 7:00am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Campshure