

-Worship Commission Meeting

11 January, 2025

PRESENT: Althea Burrier, Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Patty King, Maggie Meyer, Michelle O'Brien, Judy Pollard, Fr. Ryan Pruess, Harry Schneider, Lisa Sutton, Fr. Kevin Tanel

Michelle led us in a prayer to open the meeting.

Upcoming mass of welcome for Archbishop Grob:

- Tuesday, January 21, 6pm, at Holy Family.
- The mass will be followed by a short reception.
- Michelle will contact Ralph Raube about arranging for ushers (5-6)
 - We will plan for 6 stations for Communion, same as for the 4pm and 10am masses.
- The Hispanic Community will be making card of the flowers.

Review of Advent/Christmas:

- While most liked the mass setting used during Advent, some found it hard to follow. New and/or difficult music can be difficult to follow. The musicians had been advised to introduce the music before the 1st mass at each site.
- Most had a very positive reaction to the Advent/Christmas season.
- For future Christmas and Easter masses, it would be helpful for the Sacristans if they knew what sort of numbers of attendees to expect. Michelle will speak with Ellen Kant about making that information available. Currently the ushers are told of only the previous week's attendance.
- Michelle invited SMSA and Marian U. musicians to be part of the services. Fifteen SMSA musicians did join the choir at the 10am mass on Christmas. She is looking at scheduling them for Easter also.
- There were some complaints about the Candlelit mass on Christmas Eve, people having difficulty seeing where they were going. Would it be possible to have the ushers with candles or small flashlights. Fr. Ryan stated that the mass was advertised as being Candlelit, so people should have been aware of that and could avoid it if they thought that could be a problem. The clergy team will discuss it at their meeting.

Strategic Plan:

- Michelle led us in discussing the Worship Commission responsibilities for the Strategic Plan, point by point. There was a lot of good discussion. We have made a lot of progress toward meeting our goals. We have made progress in other areas. Michelle asked that each of us look at the Plan and come up with the 3 points that each of us consider the most important and send that to her. From there we can better prioritize. Patty suggested that we pull the Worship Commission points together in a single to make it easier for us to review, discuss and work on. Martha volunteered to pull that together. See attachment for more detail on the Strategic Plan discussion.

Lector Formation, November 18, Holy Family:

- The lector Formation session I well attended. It will be held annually in November.
- There was a suggestion to include some practical training/reminders as part of the session in the future.
- New lectors will be trained at that time to being and each year there will be an annual commitment.
- Rather than lectors critiquing each other, Michelle suggested that new lectors speak with the presider at their first mass and ask him to offer suggestions following the mass

Sacred Heart Environment:

- A new Adoration Committee has formed. There are 24 members. Martha will be taking over the environment of the Chapel at Sacred Heart.

Confirmation Dates for 2025:

- The dates for this year's confirmation are April 5th at 10am and May 16th at 7pm. One of the masses will be bilingual.

New Business:

- Patty asked about Sacristan training, as several people who had signed up had their training sessions canceled. Michelle advised that Joan Stewart is the person doing the sacristan training. She will provide Patty with Joan's contact information so Patty can advise those who need the training.

This year's future meetings are scheduled for April 26 and July 12.

Michelle closed the meeting by leading us in singing verses 1 and 4 of "We Walk by Faith".

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Campshure