

Parish of the Precious Blood

Worship & Spirituality Commission

Nov 16 2016 at St. Mary's

minutes

Opening prayer by Lynn

Members present: St. Denis-Irene Ellis, Jeannette McBurnie; St. Joseph-Patti McCrum, Barb Caron; Sacred Heart-Betty Thompson; St. Catherine-Beth Boddy; St. Mary-Lynn Pelli; parish staff-Janet Beckwith, Fr Alex; pastoral Council-Dave Caron.

Not represented: Holy Rosary, St. Mark's, Our Lady of the Lakes, St. Louis, St. Theresa.

Minutes of Oct 19, 2016 meeting were accepted with two corrections

Old Business:

1. Update on Spirituality Retreat Chaired by Janet—Fr Kyle shared information on a parish retreat given by Father Andy O'Reilly. His website is [HTTP://father Andy.com](http://fatherandy.com) previously she had presented us with information on "feed my faith and feet my face" presented by Father Leo Patalinghug www.gracebeforemeals.com Patrick Madrid did not have the website and has a mailing address of PO Box 640, Granville, OH 43023 we agreed to do more research and be prepared to discuss this again at the next meeting. We set a goal of February's meeting for a decision as to what to recommend to the pastoral Council for our retreat choice for the parish.
2. Update on Sharing resources-review the inventory list and the charts that we can use to track items that are shared between sites. Identifying the condition of the item when it is loaned as well as when is returned will be important. Also suggested that items be verified upon return by a designated person. I reminder that our inventory should be completed by the end of January.
3. Update on Mass Etiquette-concept approved by Fr. Labrie-the insert for the bulletin has been prepared will be presented to father Jean-Paul for final approval before inclusion in the bulletin. The same information will be transformed into a trifold brochure that can be available in the churches at all times. This is likely to be helpful to Catholics were coming home after a long absence, visitors at weddings and funerals as well as at other times. Father Jean-Paul has approved this project but reserves editing rights prior to submissions. We discussed several categories for information to be given on a weekly basis to the parishioners via the bulletin. This be a very small paragraph and could be linked to the website for further information. Irene suggested the eye-catching title "did you know?" for this educational paragraph. All members were asked to do some research and draft paragraphs that could be utilized for this purpose.
4. Choosing of Saints by parishioners-lets set a date-we agreed that we would like to have this activity be done on the same day throughout the parish. St. Denis did this activity on the Sunday prior to All Saints Day with permission from Fr Jean-Paul. We would like to have all requests such as these be redirected by father Jean-Paul back to this commission so that we can have uniformity throughout the parish in the future. The rest of the sites will be doing this activity on New Year's Day mass. Each site has leeway to present these Saints to the parishioners in whatever format they choose.

New Business:

1. Welcome to our newest priest, Fr. Stephen-we would like to collaborate with the church and family life commission to be part of a social event that welcomes Fr Stephen.
2. Parish App -update and comments-many of our members have smart phones and were able to download this app. Janet provided some helpful information on how to refresh the program. Janet also shared that she discovered this program adjust to the local church is when you travel throughout the state.
3. Ethics forms Update-Janet reports that she's been getting very good return. It was confirmed that indeed every volunteer, and all ministries, must read the ethics and sign the form indicating agreement.

4. Training opportunities for Liturgical Ministers-Janet-Janet shared a virtual learning opportunity through LTP for ministers. There is a cost to participate, but several people could be present when the login happens. We agreed that were open to this type of training for our ministers, however no decision was made at this time about participating or organizing members to take part in any of these trainings. Janet will do a trial run to see how the process works.
5. Music Ministry-scheduling, training, job descriptions, recruitment, expenses-we had a discussion about our music ministers and what they need in order to be well-informed and supported by the commission that they are under. There have been a few issues that have arisen that appear to be the result of not understanding protocol and responsibilities. Janet shared a brochure but has been drafted to aid Catholics when a death occurs. This brochure has been shared with funeral directors and is available in the church offices. Unfortunately, music ministers are unaware of this planning form and the privilege of the family to choose their music ministers. This is a special service that is covered under canon law as to what is allowable and what is not. Experience has shown that many people are unaware that the funeral is in three parts, and the focus is on Jesus and not the life of the person who is deceased. This lack of understanding has the potential to create some uncomfortable moments for the grieving family. We acknowledged that we have been remiss in our responsibilities to our music ministers. The plan is for us to create a training brochure, similar to what we have for ministers of the word an extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Members will draft their ideas prior to the next meeting. Once we have collected our ideas we will invite music ministers to help us to fine-tune the booklet. In addition to this, we also discussed creating a training folder to support music ministers who are new and could benefit from mentoring. We are going to have to look at all of our special services, communion services, weddings, funerals to be sure that we have appropriate protocols in place that are consistent with US CCB and well understood but all those who are music ministers or employed by the church as organists.
6. Advent and Christmas-Schedules, activities, faith sharing, etc.-last year Fr Kyle gave talks at different sites throughout the Advent season. This year we would like to ask Fr Jean-Paul's permission to have Fr Alex give a talk as well as to have Fr Stephen give a talk on the Shrine of St. Thomas. We will continue our planning be email transfer will not have another meeting prior to advent.
7. Miscellaneous- discussion of when should the Bulletin be given to parishioners. Several members have observed that other parishes give the bulletin when exiting the church. We discussed the advantages of doing this, such as more focus on the liturgy, but this will require coordination with the greeters who have connected handing out the bulletin with greeting those to come through our doors. This we brought to the pastoral Council for approval.

The light is on has been scheduled for both Holy Rosary and St. Mary's. We discussed the awkwardness of having a priest in the sanctuary at St. Mary's. Several of us have noticed the lack of privacy due to how easily the voices carry from that location. We will request a modification of this location within the church.

Change in meetings- Dave Caron pointed out the difficulty of assembling the reports and getting them out for the Pastoral Council if our meetings are held the same week. We agreed to change our meetings from the third Wednesday to the second Wednesday of the month to accommodate the pastoral Council.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2017 at 6:00 at St. Mary's

Closing Prayer by Dave Caron