

Church of St. Mary
Sacramental Life and Worship Committee Meeting-Minutes

Tuesday February 10, 2009 5:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present : Megan Gilles, Kay Johnson, John & Georgia Robino, Larry Fujan, Doug & Loydene Bernhagen, Fr. Steve Verhelst, Jean Masters, Gary Hartman, Scott Strutz, Steve Weitzel and Claire Houchens. **Absent or Excused:** Larry&Beth Wepplo. **Light Meal:** Shared by committee members.

Opening Prayer: Prayer by John Robino asking God to renew in us the gifts of the Spirit received through the sacrament of Confirmation. **January Minutes:** Approved without additions or deletions. **OLD BUSINESS:**

November 18 **Area Lector Workshop** comments given by Larry Fujan, Lector Coordinator. Workshop stressed reverence and dignity. Larry felt the workshop has already made a difference. Lector guidelines were amended and a final revised copy will be issued. Comment was made that we need to continue to provide educational opportunities for all ministries. Mass for Presentation and blessing of the throats (St. Blaise) went well. No processional needed because of the blessings. Was also Boy Scout Sunday and that went very well. The meal and the music were very good and it was very well attended. Boy Scout involvement was also very good.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Altar server training/recruitment session will be held on Feb 11. Everything is in place and ready to go. Based on earlier suggestions and reexamination, changes were made to the Altar Server guidelines and amended copies will be distributed. **Saint John's Men's Chorus** will be performing at St Mary's on Thursday evening Feb 26th. The Adult Choir and the SL&WC will provide volunteers for various necessary functions at the concert, i.e. food, greeting, setup and cleanup. Housing and transport all in place. All encouraged to promote with friends and family. **Lenten Evening Prayer** March 15th will use Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer. Volunteers are in place. Committee was reminded about the **Diocesan Chrism Mass in Spicer** on Thursday April 2nd. A once a year opportunity to be involved in an important Catholic ritual. Support for events during the **Triduum** are being worked on. SL&WC members will look for volunteers for washing of the feet on **Holy Thursday**. Committee members will call parishioners. Suggestion was made that committee members might take part in washing the feet of others. **Good Friday** to be similar to last year. **Easter Vigil** will be an Area Faith Community Mass at St Mary's. **Easter Sunday** mass times will be 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon (Spanish) **NEW BUSINESS: Continuing Education** segment was led by Steve Weitzel and covered pages 27 to 38 of "**Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship**" a publication on music and the liturgy. Steve commented on the **copyright** section as he was surprised at the law involved and the cost to the parish to make sure they stay within the parameters of that law i.e. it is illegal to copy music unless you have specific written permission which comes usually with a fee. Megan said St Mary's currently spends about **\$600 p/yr in obtaining copyrighted music** which is why she usually tries to stay in the hymnal and reduce the additional cost of obtaining music outside what has already been paid for in the hymnal. Some discussion took place about using more **Latin** music as an example of bi-lingual music. Steve also pointed out the clear explanations on how **musical instruments**, including the human voice, should be used to enhance the Liturgy and not overpower it and that the congregation should be included wherever possible. **Eucharistic Ministers** were encouraged to wait, if possible, for the Cup to be in place before distributing the Bread. Megan mentioned she will continue to work on setting up **workshops for all ministries** as time permits. There is consideration for changing **Summer Mass times** starting June 1. More discussion on this later. **Bulletins** should not be handed out before Mass or left out where people can pick them up before Mass as they then become a distraction. Thanks to **Bill and Claire Houchens** for donating the new Book of Gospels. **FROM THE PEW:** Scout Day was very good in all aspects.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. A light meal will be served at a cost of \$5 per person. Opening Prayer will be led by Kay Johnson and the Continuing Education session will be led by Gary Hartman.

Respectfully submitted by: John Robino