

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

Tuesday November 11, 2008 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Megan Gilles, Larry & Beth Wepplo, Kay Johnson, John & Georgia Robino, Larry Fujan, Doug & Loydene Bernhagen, Fr. Steve Verhelst, Jean Masters, Gary Hartman and Scott Strutz. **Excused:** Steve Weitzel and Claire Houchens.

Meal: Shared by committee members

Opening Prayer: Reading/Reflection for Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Yr. A

October Minutes: Approved by the committee

OLD BUSINESS: Committee discussed recent **All Souls Day** liturgies. All comments heard were positive. 240 names were read and readings and music made this a very meaningful ceremony. There were problems with the candles and the sand.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: **Area Lector Workshop** will be held on Nov 18th at 7:00 P.M. Larry Fujan reviewed DVD that will be used at the workshop. They expect good response from other involved parishes. About 40 lectors are expected to attend. It was pointed out that anyone wanting to become a lector was welcome to attend. In terms of the **Lector Guidelines**, suggestion had been made to have both lectors process to the altar at beginning of Mass. Committee felt at this time this was not what we wanted to do. Reminder was given that lectors need to be aware that the base of the **microphone in the Ambo does not move**. The shaft holding the microphone does move but not the base. Larry and Megan to meet further in preparation for the workshop.

Committee members were reminded that promotion was needed for the **Rose Ensemble** concert that will occur at our church on Dec 2nd. Only \$12 per ticket (much lower than their Twin Cities performances). Various methods of promoting were discussed. **Anointing Mass/Thanksgiving Dinner**, scheduled for Thursday Nov 20th at 10:30 A.M. **Ministry Scheduling** program still being tested. Additional test runs are set for Thanksgiving week.

NEW BUSINESS: Georgia and John Robino led discussion on **Continuing Education Topics** which covered Prairie Praise articles on upcoming liturgical events in the diocese as well as guidelines on the difference between devotional and liturgical prayer/music. Also discussed was the first section of "Sing to the Lord", a document covering the meaning and uses of music in Catholic liturgy. Information to be discussed was supplemented by two additional articles on the same subject. Discussed **Advent Wreath** as a part of Advent masses. Wreath will be present but not the center of focus. (Devotional vs. Liturgical). Candles on the wreath will be lit before Mass. Need more involvement (help) in preparing the **church environment for Christmas worship**. Day of preparation will start at 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 23rd. Will have directors to assign volunteers where needed. **Children's program** will be Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a play with costumes and of course singing, to end with "Feliz Navidad". **Altar Server training/recruitment** on Feb 11th. Encouraged to check **website for Area and our parish especially the SL&W committee/music**. See link from St Mary's site to Area site. **Statue of St. Anthony** has been donated by McCarthy family and is now in the gathering area

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13th 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 Steve Weitzel and the Continuing Education session will be led by Scott Strutz.

Respectfully submitted by: John Robino