

Church of St. Mary
Sacramental Life and Worship Committee Meeting-Minutes
Tuesday October 14, 2008 5:30 P.M.

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

Excused: Larry & Beth Wepplo

Meal: Shared by committee members

Opening Prayer: Committee recited the Our Father

August Minutes: Approved by the committee

OLD BUSINESS: Fall Festival was considered a success by all. Suggestions: relocate back wine and bread stations to accommodate rear portion of assembly. Make sure the air compressors inflating the various blow-ups are not running during Mass. Use a smaller (lower) altar and locate more toward the center of the assembly. Provide help for elderly and physically challenged to get from their cars to the Mass site. (Carry chairs and help get to the seating area). Food was very good. Dancers were well accepted. Ministers were well organized and orderly. Volunteer group was good and worked well together. Completed survey for the Parish Society.

Blessing of Animals was done after each Mass on Oct 4&5 as planned. Publicity was done prior to the event in the West Central Tribune. Photo of the event followed in the West Central Tribune.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Need volunteers for each of the Masses on **All Souls** weekend (Nov 1st and 2nd) to help with candles (tapers) etc. About 4 to 6 for each Mass to help light, place in sand and clean up. Several committee members have volunteered. 40 names to be read have been collected at the time of our meeting and more are expected.

Area Lector Workshop will be held on Nov 18th at 7:00 P.M at St. Mary's and will be led by Megan Gilles and Larry Fujan.

NEW BUSINESS: Larry Fujan led discussion on the continuing education topic which was an article by Eliot Kapitan, "Pray, Believe, Learn and Live". Article covered prayers for the dead and why the Church prays for the souls of the departed. Also included an interesting list of questions and answers that addressed many different aspects of the subject of funeral rites in the Church. Examples included suicide victims, stillborn infants, lapsed Catholics and cremation. **Anointing Mass/Thanksgiving Dinner**, Thursday Nov 20th at 10:30 A.M. **Ministry Scheduling** is still a problem. People not showing up for assignments thus making it very difficult for the Sacristan to secure fill-ins just before Mass. Will implement new part of our scheduling program using website and hope that it helps. We will continue to address in whatever way we can. **The Rose Ensemble** will be at St. Mary's on Dec 2nd. Only \$12 per ticket (much lower than their Twin Cities performances). Need to encourage attendance as we are lucky to have such a professional group agree to come back to St. Mary's. Only 25 people attended last time and we need to improve on that. **Observations from the pew** included some very good comments about Fr. Mike-Mission Priest. Pretty dynamic_and inspirational.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th 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 John and Georgia Robino. "Sing to the Lord-Music in Divine Worship" will be the continuing education-pgs. 1-14

Respectfully Submitted,
John Robino