

## Minutes on Liturgy Committee Meeting

9 March 09

**Attendees:** Joey Pharo, Kevin Healy, Greg Thompson, Sr. Virginia Rohling, Thea Schouten, Cheri Furno, Rose Basinski, Bernard Acker, James Clark, Tom Szoka

Meeting opened with a prayer at approximately 7pm. No comments on the minutes were offered. Bernard introduced Tom Szoka who will be leading the Liturgy Commission beginning in May.

Bernard noted that it took 15 people 45 minutes to swap the Risen Christ for the Crucifix over the altar on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

### **Reports from Ministry Heads**

**Arts and Environment – Thea Schouten:** Getting ready for Palm Sunday. Planning for glass bowls and sprigs for Holy Water. She is preparing for 2 in the gym and 2 in the sanctuary for Easter. The stand for the new Pascal Candle is almost complete.

**Altar Servers – James Clark:** Has changes submitted for updates to roster.

**Greeters – Sr. Virginia Rowling:** Nothing to report. She would like to thank the K. of C. for adding a lower slat to the pew book holders; they keep books from falling out of the bottom.

**Ushers – Joey Pharo:** Reported the Usher Reflection went really well. Joe Morton and some other Knights asked about what to do in the event of a tornado. We need absorbent available for cleanup when someone has been sick.

**Music – Greg Thompson:** Two cantor training sessions and a music ministry reflection were held. There is excellent dedication among our singers and musicians. The turn out of new people was disappointing.

The choir is bouncing around between masses so that there is a fuller sound when the choir is present. The choirs are formed and practicing is in progress for Triduum and Easter. There will be choirs at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter morning mass. Masses in the gym will have a cantor for Easter this year. This year the children's choir will not be singing for Easter. There will be a cantor at the Easter 7:00 am mass.

Greg opened the floor for constructive critics and comments. There was an appreciation for some older standards at 11:30. There was a comment that the fuller choir is better than just 2 or 3 people.

Lectors - Kevin Healy: Lector reflection and training went well. There were 35-45 in attendance. There was one new person. There are about 65 lectors total. Schedule requests for Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Holy Thursday went out and are mostly covered. Language readings for Pentecost are also setup.

SMOHC- Peggy Shirley: No report.

Sacristans – Rose Basinski:

No report.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Cheri Furno:

Continue to have 50 to 70 in attendance. We did miss the same Sunday that RE was cancelled due to weather. The person scheduled to lead the discussion was reluctant to come out in questionable driving conditions. CLOW will probably use RE as guide for cancellation due to weather.

### **Feedback:**

- Ash Wednesday –
  - There was some confusion on coming up for ashes on every aisle. Recommend that the usual communion routes be used in the future.
  - Starting at 5:15 made it run to late. There was a backup in the parking lot and on Hughes.
  - 5:15 was overflowing. 7:00 was full
  - CCD kids and parents attended.
  - Next year need to request city police to direct traffic on Hughes for Ash Wednesday.
- Stations of the Cross going well.

### **Upcoming Liturgical Services:**

- For all of the upcoming services, procedure sheets provided by Bernard were reviewed.
- Palm Sunday (March 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - No greeters planned for Palm Sunday or Easter.
  - Thea is to send notes to Joey for ushers.
  - Practice for Palm Sunday will be announced/confirmed via email.
- Holy Thursday (April 9<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm – Need to find the bells.
- Good Friday (April 10<sup>th</sup>) 7:00pm – 3 crucifixes for adoration.
- Easter Vigil (April 11<sup>th</sup>) 8:00pm – Practice that morning. Encourage people to come to morning prayer then start the practice.
- Easter (April 12<sup>th</sup>) 7:00 am, 9:00 Sanctuary and Gym, 11:30 Sanctuary and Gym

- Mat for Gym will be put down. Bernard will co-ordinate this effort.
- Probably renting 300 chairs for the gym. Need to organize help to put up the chairs after the 11:30 mass.
- Weather will need to be monitored. Vestments taken over early if needed.
- Need the K. of C. for paring lot.
- Need ushers to be prepared for cleanup after masses.

**Old Business:**

- Kneelers – Done
- Confirmation
  - 115 kids on roll
  - Need the best altar servers (4)
  - Need ushers and lectors
  - Bishop will be here.
- First Communion
  - Need altar servers (3)
  - Need Ushers
  - Sister will check with Tandra and let people know what will be needed.
  - No collection.

**New Business:**

- April meeting cancelled (Easter Monday)

Next Meeting – May 4, 2009