

# Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

## April 20, 2016 Agenda

<b>Date:</b>	April 20, 2016	<b>Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Jill	<b>Location:</b>	St John's
<b>Recorder:</b>	Rose Ann	<b>PLC Rep:</b>	Barb

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Barb	x	Mary H	x	Mary E	A	Cary	A
Pamela	A	Arlys	x	Corey	A	Rose Ann	x
Jill	x						
<b>Staff Representative:</b>	Jay						
<b>Guest(s) &amp; Purpose:</b>							

- **PLC minutes from March 2016 meeting.**
  - Please see St John's website for current PLC minutes.
  
- **Review Commission Discernment process**
  - # of new members needed – Need at least three new members, possibly 4 new members.
  - Recruiting of new members – Currently have identified 2 possible members so need to keep looking for additional people.
  - Review of our Info sheet with Mission and Ministries – Reviewed mission, change worship ministries to liturgical ministries.
  
- **Will begin to prepare report to PLC regarding our goals for the year and what we've done to meet them. (will be presented at June 8<sup>th</sup> PLC meeting)**
  - **Goals for this year:**
    - 1. Discuss ways to educate people in their faith so they come to love and understand the Mass more deeply. The Worship Commission is not an Entertainment Commission. Possibilities to discuss would be: continuous education sessions/seminars in the worship space; liturgical planning; add "order of the Mass" leaflets that explain the "whys" in all pews for reference to those who are not Catholic or are growing in their faith.
      - Implementing an education piece in the bulletin each week.
      - Training sessions for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians and Ushers & Greeters
    - 2. Finish and implement new Usher & Greeter guide (Corey to send us guide to review)
      - Finished and implemented the Greeter & Usher guide, currently being used and training has occurred.
    - 3. Continue to encourage more parishioners to participate in the Mass.
      - Reviewed hymnals to get a product that is easier for people to use.
      - Recruited more people for the choir, lectors and Eucharistic ministers.
      - Personal invitation works the best to get people involved.
      - Hosted hospitality to be more visible to the Parish and talk about our ministries.
    - 4. Continue to address other needed physical improvements of the worship space; large scale such as the ceiling and sound system and small items such as repair of kneelers, handrails on ramps in the church and Holy Water Founts at the doors on either side of the ceremonial doors.
      - Lighting project has been approved and is on the schedule.
      - Researching new communion cups. Current ones have a curved lip which contributes to spills.

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- **Update of projects – (Jay)**
  - including make –up session for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians, still need to set a date but it will be in the evening. (Evening session was much better attended than Saturday morning session)
  - Research of new Communion cups – Received a \$500.00 donation for new Communion cups but may need \$2,000.00 to complete the set. Will review opportunities to raise money. Will keep the old ones for special events when more cups may be needed. Look
  - St John’s received an old stain glass window, Chester Leighton, Pentecost window, will make it work in a space at St Johns.
  - Working on funding for legacy wall and explaining to people how to donate to St Johns in their Will.
  - Columbarium meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. People would still like one in the church in addition to at the cemetery.
  
- **Hospitality –** Jill will send Cary an email so people can confirm which Mass they will assist with hospitality.
  
- **New Ministry Review Process and Communication Form –** The Worship Commission received a request from another Commission suggesting that at the beginning of Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday people introduce themselves to the people around them. This was discussed and the Commission was in consensus that we did not support this change and Jay would respond on behalf of the Commission.
  
- **Review & discuss Fr. Skluzacek’s comments from last month’s meeting**
  - Discussed how St Johns already does a lot of the things that are suggested in the Sunday Experience.
  - Suggestions to make visitors feel more welcome while respecting people that want to come to Mass and not have to interact with others on a personal level:
    - Name tags for parishioners that would have their name and a statement like, “I am here to help.”
    - Name tags or buttons that say, “Visitor”, this could be worn by visitors that *want* to be recognized and welcomed by parishioners.
    - Reminders in the bulletin with some ice breakers to remind parishioners of things to say, “I have not had a chance to meet you before.”