

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

December 13, 2016 Minutes

Date:	December 13, 2016	Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Jill	Location:	St John's
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	Pat

Member/Attendee	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Barb	x	Pat	x	Corey		Cary	x
Mary Ann	x	Jill	x	Rose Ann		Mary H	x
Staff Representative:	Jay						
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

- **Update from Pat regarding any Worship Commission PLC issues from October meeting**
 - Staffing of the Welcome Desk – resubmitted recommendation. Please see PBA Report for update.
 - It is the consensus of the Worship Commission to keep this issue front and center.
 - What is the next step?
 - This is a safety issue as well as welcoming issue.
 - All those staffing the desk, volunteer or staff, need to know what to do if an alarm goes off.
 - Maintenance is not always available.
 - Is there a need to have maintenance at the church when parishioners are present during the weekend?
 - Should we have training for the ushers so they know the difference between the security alarm and the fire alarm and know what to do for each?
 - Should we open up the safety training to all interested parishioners?
 - Should there be cameras in the Plaza for increased security?
 - Who is taking this on to fill the gaps? What is being done?

We will revisit this issue in January

- **Updates from Jay**
 - **Projects**
 - **Lighting:**
 - Hoping to light the whole western façade of the church. Waiting for donation.
 - It is dark between the steps and the altar. When the priests are preaching from in front of the altar it is hard to see them. Between 4-6 lights were cut from the original plan.
 - Can that part of the proposal be put back in the budget and the lighting installed?
 - Wonderful feedback regarding the lights around the outer edge of the sanctuary. It will cost about \$6000 to be able to make them programmable. Looking for donations.
 - **New Ceiling:** Removed from the wish list. Will revisit after Christmas.
 - **Communion cups:** No complaints.
 - **New Stained Glass window in the narthex.**
 - The old air conditioner unit and the fence behind the window need to be removed. We will need to have the equipment checked to make sure there are no hazardous materials. If not, it can be removed easily by volunteers. Will need to wait until Spring.
 - **Hymnals:** We have received several donations, much more are needed. Once we have donations for all the books needed, they will be ordered. We would like to get all books donated by the end of January. Working with the Faith Formation program i.e. confirmation,

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first communion etc. in hopes of getting donations in honor of students. Linda will ask the commissions to donate towards the hymnals.

- **Sound System:** Currently getting bids.
 - The center back speaker keeps going out. Part of the sound system is old. It is less expensive to replace the whole system at once compared to replacing parts as they go.
- **Hearing Loop System** – Some interest. Letter going out thanking people for their interest and inviting them to a demonstration in January. Depending upon the interest, it may be best to designate one back section of the church for the hearing loop system.
- **Signage:** Father is very much in favor of outdoor signage.
 - We should have a sign somewhere outside to let people know the Mass times.

- **50th Anniversary of the new church.**

Handed out the proposal to be given to PLC.

Pat shared information regarding Father Stanley Rother, Pat and Gary Rother's 3rd cousin. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City has a link to the "Cause of Fr. Rother". Here is the link: <http://www.archokc.org/rothercause>

For next month:

Status of Good (Worship) Question – Reference books are needed to make sure all answers are correct. Mary will check the bookrack; Mary Ann will check the parish library; Jill will check the USCCB website. Updates from Mary, Mary Ann and Jill

Suggested Goals for 2016-2017:

- Recognize Worship is the core value of the parish.
 - Continue to encourage more parishioners to participate in the Mass.
 - 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.
 - 50th Anniversary of the Church planning for the celebratory year.
 - Establish an endowment for music and/or liturgical needs.
 - Stress the importance of bringing the children to the church.
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