

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

March 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date:	March 16, 2016	Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Jill	Location:	St John's
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	Barb

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Barb	x	Mary H	x	Mary E	A	Cary	x
Pamela	x	Arlys	x	Corey	A	Rose Ann	A
Jill	x						
Staff Representative:	Jay						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	Fr. Skluzacek						

- **PLC minutes from February 2016 meeting.**
 - Please see St. John's website for current PLC minutes.
- **Three, possibly four, new worship commission members are needed for 2016-2017.** As personal invitations seem to work best, please prayerfully consider who might be good candidates for this commission.
- **Would like to do the workshop for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians between April 15 and May 1.** Weekday evening session works best for attendance. Jay will secure a date.
- **Update of projects (Jay).**
 - The new stained glass windows are due to be installed before Easter. Specific donations towards these windows have been obtained.
 - Lighting – still on target for installation to begin the week after Easter.
 - Jay will investigate new communion cups that will be less prone to spills. An initial donation has been made towards new cups. It is thought some others may want to make a specific contribution once a cup has been chosen and we know the full cost. 8 cups will be needed.
- **Hospitality – April 23/24. Cary will coordinate. Please send your preferred time you would like to help to Cary.**
- **Fr. Skluzacek talked about his sabbatical and offered suggestions for the committee.**
 - The church is very different in all the countries visited and yet, they are the same in that the primary mission is – Jesus Christ.
 - What is it about our worship that can really help people to connect to the heart of what we are about, which is worshipping God? How can we help people to get more connected to the heart of the liturgy?
 - Do we spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about the externals (environment) and forget about the heart?
 - How can we get people to come to St. John's and provide a welcoming atmosphere so they want to come back?
 - How do we make people feel when they visit St. John's?
 - What can we do to get more people to volunteer?
 - The Amazing Parish Conference talked about 7 areas within a parish to become an "Amazing Parish". Please review "The Sunday Experience" section of the Amazing Parish website. How can we implement the ideas?
 - Barb has a contact at another church with an extension program that will work with other churches – free of charge - to assist in finding ways to bring people in and make them want to come back. Barb will find out more.
 - We need to prayerfully open our eyes and ears and be open to the change that may need to take place to make our parish the welcoming place we seek for it to be.