

# Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

## November 15, 2016 Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	November 15, 2016	<b>Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Jill	<b>Location:</b>	St John's
<b>Recorder:</b>	Bonnie	<b>PLC Rep:</b>	Pat

Member/Attendee	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Barb		Pat	X	Corey	Via phone	Cary	
Mary Ann	X	Jill	X	Rose Ann			
<b>Staff Representative:</b>	Jay						
<b>Guest(s) &amp; Purpose:</b>	Fr. Michael Skluzacek						

- **Update from Pat regarding any Worship Commission PLC issues from October meeting**
  - Staffing of the Welcome Desk – resubmitted recommendation. No decision has yet been made. Many issues need to be considered: What are the building hours? What is the current staffing? What are the gaps? Can the gaps be filled with volunteers? Who is on call in case a volunteer cannot make it? What is the impact to the budget? It is being discussed, several ideas are being considered. Hope to have an update at the December meeting.
- **Updates from Jay**
  - **Projects**
    - Lighting
      - Stinson is replacing lights over the Baptistery, the Fount and the Statues. No charge to St John's.
      - Received donation for a lighting console. This will enable us to make changes to the system without calling Stinson.
    - New Ceiling – There is a parishioner who does demo work of ceilings. Checking to see if he may be interested in giving a bid for the ceiling in the church.
    - Communion cups – New cups are in. Twelve were donated. Hoping to use them for the first time on the First Sunday of Advent.
    - New Stained Glass window in the narthex. – Scheduled to go in the week of Thanksgiving. A generous donor paid for the new thermal pane and frame and to have the stained glass window to be rebuilt.
      - Mark has asked the commission to write a recommendation to the ASC to have the old air conditioner unit and the fence behind the window removed.
      - Jay will write up the recommendation to submit to the ASC.
    - Hymnals –
      - Hymnals are in production. Six samples, with the scripture readings included, have been ordered and are expected to be shipped the end of November.
      - The contemporary group looked at the songs in the hymnal and believes the vintage of the pieces are split 75% traditional, contemporary 25%.
      - Once the books are received, the hymnal committee will reconvene and come up with a recommendation to present to Father Skluzacek.
      - Hoping to have recommendation made and approved by Christmas to have the hymnal out for by Christmas for people to make gift of \$16 in honor/memory of a loved one, birth of a child, etc.
      - Looking at purchasing 1,700, which would be four to a rack.
    - 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.
    - Handbell choir – director needed. Will propose to earmark \$2,000 - \$3,000 in the next budget for a handbell director. Hoping to have the handbell choir play during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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- Sound System
    - It will work to put in the new sound system with the current acoustical properties of the church or when the ceiling is scraped. Either would work
    - New sound system would have columns with individual speakers that rotate. Individual speakers can be steered towards the congregation.
    - Still checking sound systems other churches are using.
  - Hearing Loop System
    - Looking at the need for having a Tcoil system put in. Most people that wear hearing aids have a switch on them that would enable them to listen directly through their hearing aid.
    - A questionnaire is in the bulletin asking of the need.
  - Signage
    - Electronic signs outside on the east and west side of the church grounds to let those driving by what is happening at St. John's (Mass times, pastoral message, etc.)
      - Last year the design was almost complete. Hope to resume this.
    - Electronic displays in the plaza displaying meetings, current events, etc.
    - With Father Skluzacek's approval, would like to have the above items researched further.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the new church.**
    - June 24 – 2018, Feast of St. John the Baptist – June 23, 2019
    - Open the year with Evensong and close the year with Archbishop Hebda presiding at Mass.
    - Jill offered to facilitate a group, consisting of one person from each commission. The members from within that group would come up with ideas to take back to their own commission. The commissions would then come up with ideas as to how they would like to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and bring those ideas back to the central committee.
      - Jill will write up a proposal to be presented at the Dec. PLC meeting.

## 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.
  - Jay will see how much it will cost to put in Holy Water Founts by east and west entry doors to the church.
- 50<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - Lobby to have the Children's Choir funded annually.
  - Perhaps we could have a theme each year for our church.
    - **Suggested that THE YEAR OF THE CHILDREN could be implemented after the Anniversary year in 2019.**
      - **Hope to have each commission commit to having one idea from their group to actively bring children into the church.**