

# Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

## October 18, 2016 Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	October 18, 2016	<b>Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Meeting lead by Pat R.	<b>Location:</b>	St John's
<b>Recorder:</b>	Bonnie	<b>PLC Rep:</b>	Pat

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Barb	X	Pat	X	Corey		Cary	X
Mary Ann	X	Jill		Rose Ann	X		
<b>Staff Representative:</b>	Jay						
<b>Guest(s) &amp; Purpose:</b>	Mary Halaska – Discerning						

- **Reviewed and agreed to Ground Rules for meetings**
  - **One person speaks at a time**
  - **Respectful of views and ideas of others**
  - **Stay on task**
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  - **Come prepared**
  - **All information must be complete before published**
  - **Be supportive of group decisions**
  
- **Updates from Jay**
  - **Children's Choir**
    - **Directed by Carrie Kram. Currently 10-12 kids. Scheduled to sing at the 4:30 PM Mass sometime in November. If we have children coming to sing, their parents will attend.**
  - **Projects**
    - **Lighting- Installing a new console which would enable us to do everything in house. Once installed we will no longer need to call the engineers out for programming. Changed out a few lights over the sanctuary.**
    - **New Ceiling – A bid has been submitted to scrape the ceiling – approx. \$100,000.**
    - **A new sound system needs to be installed when the new ceiling is done – before the ceiling is scraped and/or at time of removal.**
    - **Communion cups – The new chalices are in. Looking to start using them on Christ the King Sunday. Old chalices will be given to the archives.**
    - **A generous donor has donated redoing a window in the narthex by the restrooms. The antique window matches the window in the west entrance. Project should be completed by Christmas.**
    - **Hymnals – looking at new hymnals – Ritual Song 2 – comprises 50% of the old Gather Hymnal and 50% of the old Worship Hymnal. A good mix for the parish. Samples are coming in November. Hoping to have parishioners donate a hymnal in honor/memory of their loved one.**
    - **Columbarium – Construction starting this winter/spring.**
    - **Status of Good (Worship) Question – It's a point of finding the time to write up the question and making sure all the information is correct. Jay will revisit.**
    - **Staffing of the Welcome Desk. It is a concern when the building is open and no one is around. This is a major security issue. We will fill out the form that needs to be submitted to the PLC and expect to receive an answer within 30 days.**

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- **June 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the new church.**
  - **The idea was put forth to have a steering committee to plan several events/activities/celebrations throughout the year (June 2018-June 2019).**
  - **Look at commissioning two Icons for the interior of the church to commemorate the 50th anniversary.**
  - **Open the year with Evensong and close the year with Archbishop Hebda presiding at Mass.**
  - **Jay will speak with Father Skluzacek for approval.**
  - **Once approval is given the idea will be presented to other commissions.**
  
- **Handbell choir –**
  - **We have \$75,000 invested in the equipment.**
  - **Looking to find the money to hire a director to continue the ministry.**
  
- **Setting goals for 2016**
  - **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.**
    - **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.**
      - **2017 could be THE YEAR OF THE CHILDREN.**
      - **For THE YEAR OF THE CHILDREN each Commission could be charged with one idea in their group to actively bring children into the church.**