

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

February 21, 2017 Minutes

Date:	February 21, 2017	Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Jill – absent Meeting led by Vice-Chair Pat	Location:	St. John's
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	Pat

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

- **Pat gave us an update regarding any Worship Commission PLC issues from January meeting**
- **50th Anniversary of the Church – Revise timeline - start in 2018, rather than end in 2018**
 - It is the hope of the Worship Commission to have one representative from each of the Servant Leadership Commissions on the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee. A few examples of how the commissions can help: Finance Committee - budget for the yearlong celebration; Worship Committee - Liturgy; SAC - have the students interview parishioners who were around when the church was designed and built; research fun facts; articles for the bulletin, etc. Each Servant Leadership Commission would then have their own subcommittee.
 - Suggested to have information in the bulletin requesting help once the steering committee is in place to help with each subcommittee.
- **Flag request – From the Knights of Columbus - have the American Flag and the Papal Flag prominently displayed.**
 - We received from the Knights of Columbus a resolution regarding the display of the United States flag and the Papal flag in the Church and St Joseph Hall. The complete resolution is attached.
 - The Worship Commission did not have a quorum, so we could not make a recommendation. The following statement is a draft the Commission attendees recommend to be approved by the entire Commission. This recommendation will be moved to the Arts and Environment Committee for review and recommendation back to the Worship Commission. That recommendation will be voted on and forwarded to the Pastoral Leadership Council for recommendation to Fr. Skluzacek for final resolution.
 - Recommendation by Worship Commission attending members subject to approval of the entire Commission:
 - The Worship Commission thanks the Knights of Columbus for their interest in displaying the United States flag and the Papal flag in the Church and St Joseph's Hall. The Worship Commission is making the following recommendation to the Arts and Environment Committee:
 - Based on USCCB's statement on Displaying Flags in the Church (see attachment or <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacred-art-and-music/architecture-and-environment/display-of-flags-in-catholic-churches.cfm>), the Worship Commission requests the Arts and Environment Committee determine locations for the US flag and the Papal flag in St. Paul Plaza and St Joseph Hall, with considerations of safety, visibility, and respect.

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- **Hymnals (Jay)**
 - 1,400 will be ordered. It will take 2-3 weeks to get St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and shield printed on the front and shipped. It will take approx. a week to put the ribbons in and put them in the bookracks. Hoping to have the hymnals ready and in the pews by the end of March.
 - It is suggested special prayers (i.e. vocation) to be put in the leaflet. This will allow us to rotate the prayers being said.

- **Updates from Jay**
 - **Projects**
 - **Lighting** - two donors have come forward to pay for the colored lights on the side walls. The current lights above the priest's chair are the wrong light fixtures and will be removed. This will give us a total of eight lights. We will be installing three lights on each of the side walls and one on each side of the sanctuary.
 - Removing the lights above the priest's chair will necessitate a new light(s) to be installed. Jay will draft a proposal for lighting of the priest's chair and lighting the front of the altar to be submitted to the ASC.
 - **New Ceiling** - Jay is working with a destruction company. Waiting for more information and proposal.
 - **Sound System** - Back speakers routinely not working. Looking at several options.
 - **Hearing Loop System** – Those that came to the demonstration have raved about the system. We will publish some of the responses in the bulletin.
 - We are hoping to use the system as a tool to evangelize. If people come to church and cannot hear the word of God, they will tend to stay home.

- **Families Helping Families 3-5-2017 - Project**
 - Due to member's availability, we respectfully decline to help.

- **Training issues identified at December meeting:**
 - We've had recent incidents that require a harder look at the safety and security of staff and parishioners at St. John's.
 - Rose Ann has put together a list of topics and questions to get us started.
 - Will discuss in more detail at our next meeting.

- **Status of Good (Worship) Question** – Still working on this.

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.