

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

January 17, 2017 Minutes

Date:	January 17, 2017	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		Pat	x	Corey	x	Cary	x
Mary Ann	x	Jill	x	Rose Ann	x	Mary H	x
Staff Representative:		Jay					
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

- **Update from Pat regarding any Worship Commission PLC issues from December meeting**
 - Please see the current PLC Minutes on St. John's website.
 - 50th Anniversary of the Church – Pat will mention at the PLC meeting that we are looking for a firm commitment from those who would like to be on the planning committee. Would like to have each commission represented on the committee. Hoping to have the first meeting before Ash Wednesday. Those interested can reach out to Jill or Pat.

- **Updates from Jay**
 - **Projects**
 - **Lighting:** ASC would like a new/current proposal for the step lighting. Received a donation as a memorial donation from a parishioner's family to put towards the lighting on the side walls.
 - **New Ceiling:** Reaching out for bids regarding stripping the ceiling. It is recommended using a lift and not scaffolding.
 - **Hymnals:** Current total – approx. \$23,000. Need \$27,000 – \$34,100. Hoping to get more gifts to give out with the donation. Hoping parish groups will donate – Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Respect Life, Knights of Columbus. How can we get the students involved? Perhaps a means to donate at Wines to Wishes such as: Buy a book on behalf of the school. Once we have enough money to order the books, we will send out a letter to those who donated to thank them and to verify the information they would like inserted in the book. This letter will also serve as a receipt of donation. The goal is to have the new hymnals in place sometime during Lent.
 - **Sound System:** Rear speaker by the Baptistry keeps going out.
 - **Hearing Loop System:** Demo of the hearing system Tuesday, January 24 at 1pm. This system is for those who currently wear hearing aids. Very expensive to have this system throughout the church. If it is done, it would be a few pews in the back labeled for the hearing loop system.
 - **Jay will have more information on the Hearing Loop System and the Sound System at the next meeting.**

- **Donation offered:**
 - Long time members of St John's have offered for our consideration, a donation of a statue called "Our Lady of Hope" for the Garden of Life chapel area. We are very thankful for the generous offer but it is the concern of the Worship Commission that having the two images would be confusing because the Garden of Life chapel is already dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Worship Commission respectfully suggests that the monies that would have gone towards the statue be put towards finishing off the area as it is in the original concept design.

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- **Training issues identified at December meeting:**

- **Communion cups – wiping between**
- **Usher & Parish** – safety training - Is there training that needs to be done? Currently we do not have training on a regular basis. All the information is in the book put together last year. Some training options available:
 - Free training in Bloomington – put on by safety personnel in the area.
 - Suspicious Behavior Training by Kingswood Security Consulting. Full Day. \$99 per person. What is the program about? The suspicious behavior training program for places of worship will educate faith based organizations in how to recognize and respond to suspicious behavior in a religious environment. The class has been designed for church leaders, ushers, greeters, volunteers, preschool workers and security personnel in mind. The class is suitable for anyone that has an interest in suspicious behavior in worship from an educational perspective. Discussed recommending up to 4 people take this course and bring back the information to train the others.
 - Have our own safety personnel in the area give a presentation on safety which would be more specific to St. John's. RoseAnn will put together a list of topic that we'd like to have covered. To be discussed further at February meeting.

Next Month:

- Music - There is value in recognizing different points of view; not everyone appreciates music the same way nor likes the same type of music. There is also a need for people to recognize that others may have a differing point of view than they have.
- 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.