

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

May 15, 2018 – Minutes

Date:	May 15, 2018	Time:	6:35 pm
Chair:	Pat	Location:	St. John's
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	Rose Ann

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

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

A few shared their testimonies.

PLC Report – See PLC minutes posted on the website for current minutes. Also see the ASC minutes regarding handicapped seating. It has been requested by PLC for the worship commission to look into changing the reserved signs we currently have (see below). Father Skluzacek and Adam are looking for recommendations for the new “Greeter Ministry”. The worship commission recommends the new greeter ministry be connected with the ushers so they work together.

Old Business

Good “Worship” Question – Jill submitted several questions to be published in the bulletin. The first question will be published the weekend of June 9/10

50th Anniversary of the New Church Edifice – Jay – the history committee is looking into making a pictorial with the building, architects, artifacts, etc. to give to parishioners. Looking for funding. Pat and Mark H. took a road trip to St. John’s University to the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) in search of information about our church. They did find some information about Frank Kacmarcik and the drawings he did of our altar, consecration crosses, baptismal font, etc. Found bound bulletins from years ago. Getting blueprints of the church. Everything in the file will be copied for us.

EM and Lector Leaflets – Suggestions were made about edits. Pat will make the necessary edits. Workshops to be planned for early fall.

Worship Commission Constitution and By Laws– Suggested change for Article I. Section 1. of the WORSHIP COMMISSION BY-LAWS:

Current section:

A discernment process will be used for the appointment of Commission members. Discernment is a gathering for thoughtful dialogue, reflection and prayer to individually and collectively "discern" the new members. The steps of the process include notice to the parish, a process of nomination, an informational meeting for potential candidates, and a discernment event.

Proposed section:

Parishioners interested in the Worship Commission should discern through prayer and reflection whether they have a calling to the Worship Commission. Applicants will be invited to a Commission meeting to give them the opportunity to ask questions and witness first hand their perspective role and obligation with the Worship Commission. Without the applicant present, the commission will

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have a thoughtful and respectful dialogue about the applicant's interests and desire for this growth opportunity. The Worship Commission Chair will privately inform the applicant of the Commission's decision to recommend the applicant to Father Skluzacek for appointment to the Worship Commission.

Motion to revise Article I. Section 1. of the WORSHIP COMMISSION BY-LAWS:II as proposed. All in favor. Motion is passed.

Worship Commission Goals for 2017-2018

Enhance and Grow Adult and Children's Choirs

Brainstorm ideas to attract new voices for the adult choir

What needs to be done to build the children's choir?

Choir Christmas Concert

Put on a Christmas concert in St. Joseph Hall. Serve heavy appetizers or a meal and charge a fee. White linen, Black tie optional? Christmas music including popular sing along music. Sheet music can be distributed to the tables. Include the Children's choir(s). If we need to do it earlier or later to get better participation, consider early January or November. This would be a way to spotlight St John's Music Ministry.

Concert this year unable to be scheduled. Consider concert as part of Church 50th anniversary celebration in 2018-2019, as part of planning process.

Ongoing Formation and Certification for Ministers

To improve and enhance their participation and to demonstrate leadership to parishioners to fulfill the Parish mission.

Includes: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Choirs, Ushers, Greeters

Ushers and Greeters in progress, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors in progress

50th Anniversary of Church Celebration

Be leaders and active participants in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of the Church celebration.

Members of Worship Commission and staff liaison are on the celebration committee.

Continue to address physical improvements fo the worship space, large and small, current and newly determined

Large: sound system, acoustics/ceiling, hearing loop

Small: railings

Address and support as items come up

Ministry Appreciation Event

Server pizza party – Date has been set for June 22.

Ministry Appreciation – Potluck? SJH? Breakfast? Deferred until the fall. Share your thoughts and ideas at future meetings.

Vocations and Marriage prayer – Prayers are already in the books (placed without prior approval). Approve the vocations prayer. Recommend that the clergy find a family prayer to replace the marriage prayer that was placed in all the hymnals. If the clergy would prefer the Worship

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Commission or someone else could look for a family prayer. Some feel the marriage prayer is too divisive.

New members for 2018-2019 – Need two, possibly three, new members.

Automatic door openers – Rose Ann to bring to PLC.

Safety and Security in Places of Worship – June 21

Rose Ann has done much work on this. She is happy to share the information she has compiled.

New Business

External church sign – Jay proposed a temporary sign to be made and placed in the greenspace by the large cross near the main door, until funding for a permanent sign can be secured. The sign will have all Mass and confession times. Will need to check with the city. Jay will get a couple bids.

Changing handicap signs.

Need something professional and that symbolizes handicap seating.

Adjournment