

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

January 15, 2019 – Minutes

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| Date: | January 15, 2019 | Time: | 6:35 pm |
| Chair: | Pat | Location: | Saint John's |
| Recorder: | Bonnie | PLC Rep: | Pat |

| Member/Attendee | Present | Member | Present | Member | Present | Member | Present |
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| Barb | | Pat | x | Corey | x | Cary | x |
| Mary Ann | x | | | | | Mary H | x |
| Michael | x | | | | | | |
| Staff Representative: | Jay | | | | | | |
| Guest(s) & Purpose: | Steve B. | | | | | | |

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

Old Business

PLC report – Please see the parish website for detailed minutes

Recruit two new members – Steve knows of a few possibilities, he will get back to Pat.

50th Anniversary of the New Church Edifice update - History display in the plaza; upcoming presentations; Spring event for the 50 Year Club; working with the school for oral histories; pictorial book in the works; dinner in June.

Safety and Security update – Safety and Security falls under the Administrative Services Commission and will now be handled under that Commission.

Training for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers – potential dates: Feb 9, 23, Mar 2

Looking at one date for each ministry. Hoping to have either Father Skluzacek or Father Paul to speak at the training. Ushers would like to have the training on March 2. Greeters should be included with the ushers.

Mass flip book – E&S was interested in purchasing copies of the book and placing them in the pews. We are in favor of them, but not in the pews. Good tool for new parishioners, RCIA, Alpha, etc. See attachment for Worship Commission's response.

Handicap seating update – Jay is putting together a committee to make sure everyone is on the same page. We want to make sure we look at all the options available before making a decision.

New Business

Ribbons in hymnals – It is a constant problem to fix the ribbons in the hymnals. Should we remove them completely? Have only one ribbon? Two ribbons?

Jay will be submitting a bulletin notice, to be published in an upcoming bulletin, reminding everyone the ribbons are be left unbraided for the next person's use. Maybe an announcement at Mass would help. After information is publicized, we will revisit to see if additional measures need to be taken. See attachment for Worship Commission's response.

Choir Seating – Jay would like to reconfigure the choir area. Remove the pews, have the flag pole area for the bell ringers, have portable risers facing the congregation. This would allow the choir would come up to the risers, sit down and stand where they are seated.

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Quiet Time after communion – This would need to be mentioned to the priests.

Worship Commission response to use of Your Guide to the Mass/Welcome to Our Church booklet to be used by the Evangelization and Stewardship Commission

The two booklets in one – Your Guide to the Mass/Welcome to Our Church is a book giving users information about the celebration of the Mass and what is the Catholic Church and what we believe.

The Worship Commission's opinion of this document is that is more suitable for catechesis, that is for education and formation. This would not be a fit for placing in the pews, because the Mass portion is already in the hymnal. This booklet would be useful to any parishioners interested in learning more about the Church and the Mass. It will be also be good for RCIA candidates or new parishioners. It could be placed in the kiosks in Saint Paul Plaza for persons to pick up and keep.

This booklet is generic to the Catholic Church and the Mass. A good add in would be a supplemental page with information about Saint John's parish. An alternative would be a separate summary booklet about Saint John's for visitors, new parishioners, or current parishioners.

Worship Commission response to suggestion of removal of ribbons from the Hymnals in the pews

The Prime Timers weekly straighten out the hymnals in the pews in the sanctuary. These hymnals have three ribbons that can be used to mark the Ordinary of the Mass and the weekly readings, among other items.

The Prime Timers are finding the ribbons are increasingly being braided or pulled out of the hymnals, hanging outside the hymnal. To unbraid and replace the ribbons into the hymnals is taking added time for maintenance of the Church.

The Prime Timers have suggested the ribbons be removed. The Worship Commission thinks the ribbons have value for using but the faithful in the pews may need reminding of the value of these hymnals and ribbons.

The Worship Commission recommends that notes be added to the Bulletin and pulpit announcements made reminding attendees of the purpose of the hymnals and ribbons, asking attendees to be more aware and sensitive to these. We would ask the Prime Timers for a report on the ribbons after our efforts. If the issue continues after six to eight weeks (estimate), the Worship Commission will reconsider this request. The Worship Commission hesitates to remove all ribbons because some attendees find them useful, and to remove them would be an inconvenience to them. In addition, they will be more difficult to replace.

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Worship Commission Goals for 2018-2019

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 choirs from young to Confirmation and beyond?

Choristers (young singers) building.

Promotion for Bell Choir.

Enhance and Improve Worship Experience for Weekend Liturgy Attendees

Determine if there are ways to improve the worship experience for Mass attendees at the weekend liturgies, which is the main connection we have with parishioners.

Greeters ministry upgraded.

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

Need for VIRTUS training for any volunteers who may come in contact with children or vulnerable adults – lectors, ushers.

Dinner and training scheduled for Feb/Mar, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers

50th Anniversary of Church Celebration

Continue to be leaders and active participants during the 50th Anniversary of the Church celebration through June 2019.

Continuing through the year.

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

Large: sound system, acoustics/ceiling, hearing loop, handicap seating area

Small: railings, door openers for St Paul Plaza doors and restroom doors

Working on handicap seating.

Sound system, ceiling on 2018 Wish List.