

# Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

May 19, 2020 – Minutes

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| <b>Date:</b>     | May 19, 2020 | <b>Time:</b>     | 6:35 pm |
| <b>Chair:</b>    | Pat          | <b>Location:</b> | Virtual |
| <b>Recorder:</b> | Bonnie       | <b>PLC Rep:</b>  | Barb    |

| Member/Attendee                | Present    | Member   | Present | Member | Present | Member | Present |
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| Cary                           | A          | Barb     | A       | James  | X       |        |         |
| Corey                          | X          | Mary H   | X       | Pat    | X       |        |         |
| Michael                        | A          | Mary Ann | A       | Jeff   | X       |        |         |
| <b>Staff Representative:</b>   | Jay        |          |         |        |         |        |         |
| <b>Guest(s) &amp; Purpose:</b> | Fr. Magner |          |         |        |         |        |         |

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

## Member check-up

## Old Business

**Cemetery Committee – request for assistance – No update.**

**Coronavirus impact –** On Worship - Weekend Masses streaming on YouTube and Facebook; Sunday services, daily prayer services (Novenas, Litany in Time of Need), on Facebook; Weekend Masses being broadcast on CTV North Suburbs cable channels (ctvnorthsuburbs.org); Encounter Jesus in the Sunday Gospel on Zoom; Holy Communion by appointment and Confessions using safety protocols

**Hire of New Director of Worship –** Lee Trembl has been hired. Start date June 15<sup>th</sup>. Look for his bio in the June 14 bulletin.

**Sound System and Ceiling Status –** Bid was received the morning of the meeting from AVE (Audio Video Electronics) for \$180,000 to remove the old system and install a new one. AVE has done other systems in the area: for example, Saint Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake; Saint Michael, Saint Michael. Donor gifts are available to do this. This price is for the sound system only, not the ceiling work.

Choir area - kneelers are to be installed, slowed down because of pandemic. Handrail is on list to add, again pandemic affecting that work

Kneelers in pews - some work is being done on the kneelers in the pews in the nave, raising and lowering with less noise

**Worship Commission Endowment –** Pat will check on this

## New Business

**Discussion -** How can we minister to any and all who are not blessed to be connected to their pre-Covid-19 routine (i.e. Mass, volunteering, ministries, access, etc.)?

**CORE VALUES: Reliance on Prayer, Willingness to Grow, Generous Spirit**

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Find out what people want instead of telling them what we think they need

Possible ways to get this information: Father Paul's weekly emails; Website; Announcements; Flocknote; Bulletin; phone calls

Send a letter to cover those who don't have internet or smartphones.

Send out a survey through social media or letter asking what parishioners want

- Add fun questions to keep them engaged in the survey
- Ask how they are doing? What can we do for you?
- Engage new people.

**Update from Administrative Services Commission** – information sharing with ASC

Kneelers - Plan to repair, refurbish.

## **Adjournment**

# Worship Commission Goals and Accomplishments for 2019-2020

**Mission Statement:** It is the mission of the Worship Commission to provide direction and support for worship ministers and ministries in ways that increase, enhance and encourage active participation in worship by all members of the parish community.

## **Continue Growth of Music Ministry**

*Suspended because of COVID-19.*

## **Ongoing Formation and Certification for Ministers**

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.

*Training sessions conducted for EMHC and Lectors. Working to get rest of EMHC and Lectors trained. Suspended because of COVID-19, suspension of Masses.*

## **Enhance and Improve Worship Experience for Weekend Liturgy Attendees**

Determine ways to improve the aesthetics and worship experience for Mass attendees at liturgies and celebrations in the Church, which is the main connection we have with parishioners.

*Continuing innovation for Masses and services because of COVID-19.*

## **Continue to address physical improvements in the Worship space**

*Choir area reconfiguration complete, pew maintenance in the choir area*

*Handicap area has been reconfigured and is being used*

*Initial discussions on sound system and ceiling*

*Some movement on sound system and ceiling work*

## **Have the parish implement a Worship endowment**

The Worship Commission would like to offer input on how the endowment would be used

## **Plan for Hire of New Director of Worship**

The Worship Commission requests to be involved in the hire of the next Director of Worship

*Some Worship Commission members, past and present, have been involved in the hire process.*

## **What would you like your commission to improve upon next year?**

More and better communication with Administrative Services Commission and other commissions as appropriate to understand and appreciate each other's commissions' perspectives.

*Meeting with Administrative Services Commission representatives.*