

Saint John the Baptist - Worship Commission

October 20, 2020 – Minutes

Date:	October 20, 2020	Time:	6:30 pm
Chair:	Pat	Location:	Virtual
Recorder:	Bonnie	PLC Rep:	James

Member/Attendee	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Corey		Mary Ann	X	Jeff	X		
Michael	X	James					
Barb		Pat	X				
Staff Representative:	Lee						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	Jill Munsinger – PLC rep						

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

Old Business

Worship Commission Basket at FallFest – Thank you to all who donated. The final bid for the basket was \$80.

Discussed Goals and Accomplishments Document - Reworked to meet requirements. Questions were brought up: How do we determine % of progress? How do we know if a common project has changed that would affect us? How timely would that notice be?

New Business

Safety and Security – Security Cameras in Nave, Saint Paul Plaza, Parish Center, Outside update: Had two meetings on placement of cameras. Walk through with New Brighton Public Safety Officer for advice. Floor plan has been put together with suggested camera placement, high/medium/low priority. Parish Business Administrator now working on bids, grant money is available, proceeds from the FallFest stated for security needs.

Sound System and Ceiling Status Update: Looking for status on priority and funding. We have had bids and pledges.

Move Perpetual Adoration to Chapel of Angels - Worship Commission endorses the concept of moving Perpetual Adoration from the Adoration Chapel to the Chapel of the Angels. Reconfiguration of the Chapel of the Angels to a more "traditional" configuration, altar and ambo in front, pews in rows facing the altar, organ in the back. There is an external door to the Chapel of the Angels which could be reconfigured with a security keypad. The double doors would be secured with an alarm.

Christmas – Number and times of Masses was discussed. Talked about using SignUpGenius to have parishioners sign up for attendance. Additional needs in cleaning, presider, deacon, musicians, lectors, EMHC were noted.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Protocols and Procedures were discussed.

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Worship Commission Discussions and Recommendations

Safety and Security – we had two meetings on placement of cameras. We had a walk through with New Brighton Public Safety Officer for advice.

Floor plan has been put together with suggested camera placement, high/medium/low priority.

Members of Worship Commission served on this.

Parish Business Administrator now working on bids, grant money is available, proceeds from the Fallfest stated for security needs.

This should be reviewed by Arts and Environment Committee, Administrative Services (ASC), Finance, and Worship Commissions.

Particularly in the nave “less should be more,” with minimal obtrusions of the cameras.

Ceiling and sound system - looking for status on priority and funding. We have had bids and apparently pledges. The Worship Commission would like a solid update from ASC and/or Finance.

Perpetual Adoration Change – The Worship Commission endorses the concept of moving Perpetual Adoration from the Adoration Chapel to the Chapel of the Angels. The current issue is because of space in Adoration Chapel and number of persons allowed in there. A corollary to this is reconfiguration of the Chapel of the Angels to a more "traditional" configuration, altar and ambo in front, pews in rows facing the altar. Currently the ambo and altar are on a north-south axis and the pews on a west-east axis. Reconfiguring would put ambo, altar, and pews on the same axis, most practically west-east.

Issues to move Perpetual Adoration: There is an external door to the Chapel of the Angels which would need to be reconfigured with a security keypad. The double doors would need to be secured with an alarm. Lighting may need to be enhanced at the external entrance. There would be no access to the bathroom unless some added construction would be done.

Issues of reconfiguration: this would need to have a budgetary discussion. To do this, Arts and Environment Committee ASC, Finance, and Worship Commissions would need to continue this process. We may have a parishioner who could work on the reconfiguration who has generously donated his time and talents on other projects. This project would need a global review of the entire layout.

The reconfiguration would not necessarily be needed to move the Perpetual Adoration. A temporary altar could be set up for the display of the Blessed Sacrament. The reconfiguration planning and budgeting would further delay the temporary use of the Chapel of the Angels. It is our hope that the move of Perpetual Adoration will be a temporary situation as well.

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Christmas Masses - We discussed Christmas Masses at length. We are assuming attendance guidelines will continue through the rest of the year, so we make these comments with that in mind.

It may be hard to determine how many persons will attend at Christmas. It appears weekend attendance is trending upward. Christmas is a major feast, one that draws larger crowds than usual. We would certainly use Saint Joseph Hall for overflow although we are limited in numbers there as well.

We suggest an additional Mass on the vigil (Thursday), 4, 6, 8 or 830, and 1030, all pm. Vigil Masses typically would not start before 4 pm.

Christmas Day we suggest possibly a third Mass, but we had various suggested times: 8, 10, and noon, or 730, 930, 1130, along with other possibilities.

We acknowledge the challenges this presents - additional needs in cleaning, presider, deacon, musicians, lectors, EMHC, other participants in feast day masses (sacristans, servers?, incense).

We discussed a way to manage the attendance. Given the potential of added attendance, we discussed using applications such as Flocknote or SignUpGenius to have parishioners sign up for attendance. This does put us in a position of having to turn persons away, which we don't like to do. There will potentially be persons attending who cannot or will not use Flocknote or SignUpGenius. However, we were not sure if there is a good alternative.

There is a request for direction on behalf of the ushers from Father Paul or Lee Trembl on how to manage COVID-19 non-compliance during these Masses (and other Masses as well). Though we experience little non-compliance during weekly Masses we anticipate that there may be more due to the mix of parishioners and non-parishioners that attend during the Christmas season. Should ushers do anything to address non-compliance, that is, not wearing face masks or ignoring signage that closes pews? If so, what should this be? It was discussed that perhaps we should consider roping off closed pews to make it abundantly clear and reduce the risk of potential conflict during Christmas either between worshippers or between worshippers and ushers.

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