Worship Commission Meeting – May 15, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Christopher Lankford, Tom Kaiser, Mary Pat Vanderlaan, Jim Viola, Peg Cello Mary Lou Rafferty and Catey Cohen.

Faith Sharing: Jim led us in prayer and reflection. We read Psalm 66 (Let all the earth cry out with joy!) and Gospel of John 14:15-21. Jesus told his disciples that he will send another Advocate to be with them (and us) who is the spirit of truth who remains with us. We will not be left orphans because Jesus and the Father are one, and Jesus said that we are in Him.

Minutes: Approved.

Welcoming new members: We welcomed Catey Cohen to the Worship Commission – she is our parish new Volunteer Coordinator. We all wish Maria the best and thank her for her outstanding work.

Parish Council: Mary Pat Vanderlaan reported out on the May 1 PC meeting.

* WC suggests we consider doing Commission by Commission Hospitality Sunday – PC was OK with this – still maintain a Ministry Sunday overall. Father concerned about too many Sundays with speakers so need to consider that.
* Regarding training all 6th graders as Altar servers, the reaction was mixed – some concern as to whether that would overstep parents’ boundaries – needs more discussion.
* Reported on upcoming training for liturgical ministers – Father noted concern about timing of training since months may elapse from time of training till Lectors are on schedule. It was suggested that WC look at timing or assign a mentor for each new Lector to help them through the first few times (it would also be an opportunity to provide feedback).
* For Fall Leadership, PC suggested we discuss how to better develop the volunteer ministries and recruitment.
* Lack of viable hospitality committee was discussed and PC suggested that new parishioners receive a welcoming call from a current parishioner.
* PC said that we need to review our web pages-Commission by Commission and update. Olive C. will be the lead to help jumpstart getting appropriate people as leads within staff and Commissions and looking at credentials, etc.
* Max Behna is our new Deacon for this year as he finishes his last year before ordination.
* Next Leadership Night is June 5 at 7:00 in the Agnesian Room. Each Commission should report out on successes of the year. There will be wine and refreshments.

Ministries

* Liturgical Minister training June 13 and 17. Two Lectors and one Eucharistic Minister were trained. Tom will send out a lector pronunciation guideline; Peg will send out Eucharistic Minister guidelines, Tom will send out helpful hints, and Jim will post to WC’s page.
* Ministry Day – May 20 and 21. There will be speaker at each Mass.
* Altar Server coordinator –Father Chris will explore this further. Father Chris wants to have a better game plan for recruiting and training and will work over the summer as a priority with Catey.

Holy Hours – We are still interested. Based on last month’s discussion with Lisa about Taize, we recommend that we do 2 Holy Hours and 2 Taize services. The Holy Hours would be simple Exposition, Adoration, Evening Prayer, Benediction, Reconciliation and instrumentals and rosary. First Friday in July (July 7) and last Friday in April (April 27 because first Friday in May is hectic) for Holy Hour and October 6 or 20 and February 2 for Taize (Lisa needs to weigh in on the dates). Mary Pat said that Deacon John and Tom Livorsi may switch their monthly Holy Hours to the 4th Wednesdays. Mary Pat will give a heads up to Lisa and Linda. Tom will put in requests for the church and will get newsletter and bulletin articles (for the July Holy Hour).

Other:

* For future, do we want to have special pages on the web for Advent, Easter, etc. like Dave used to post for WC?
* IC Fest – All permits/police have been notified. We will do as we have in past for Mass. Chairs are ordered. Boy Scouts will help set up. We need to have a special planning meeting at some point.

Father Chris closed the meeting with a blessing. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next WC meeting is in August. Next Leadership meeting is June 5 and Tom Kaiser will report out.