

Worship Committee Minutes
St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: Worship Committee

Date of Meeting: January 11, 2016

Members Present: Janine Bamberger, Jack Brockschlager, Lee Crooks, Mary Ann Davel, Liz Kolb, Gerry Offenbacher, Cari Schneider, Greg Van Winkle, Ruth Warner, Camille Wildes and Dave Sanders

Excused: Judy Kile and Judy Radtke

Visitor from Pastoral Council: Dan Pilon

I. Topics/Issues/Projects/Strategic Plan Initiatives Discussed

1. **Faith Sharing:** The committee gave witness as to how praying to St. Anthony has made a difference in their lives.
2. **Review Minutes:** The October Worship Minutes were approved as written.
3. **Pastoral Council Report:** Dan Pilon spoke in Judy Kile's absence.
 - a. **Pastoral Council Discernment:** Names of eligible parishioners should be submitted for Pastoral Council Discernment to Kim Prudlow by Thursday, January 28th
 - b. **Doors of Our Faith Capital Campaign:** The company overseeing the campaign has stated that we are on track to reach the \$4M goal. They are currently at \$2.4M. The building will not begin until the goal has been reached. They have gotten through their phone calls that need to be made however, there are many parishioners that still have not responded to the ask.
 - c. **Festival Leadership:** The three festival chair people have informed the parish that this summer will be their last year as co-chairs. There are contacts that have been made to secure new chairs for the festival.
4. **Strategic Plan:** Mary Ann Davel has submitted the Worship Committee Strategic Plan to Pastoral Council Vice President Robert Scott. The update from the previous plan noted the completion of the purchase of hardcover song books for the parish.
5. **Day of Reflection for Servers:** Gerry completed the Day of Reflection on Dec. 13th. Both youth and adult servers were invited. Fr. Philip Schumaker presented with a couple of servers giving witness.
6. **What's This Worship Subcommittee:** The committee has completed over a year of articles for the bulletin. The articles are now archived on the website under the Worship & Prayer tab and then "What's This". Moving forward the committee is considering going through the items in the church space and explaining their meaning and importance to the Liturgy.
7. **Lenten Environment:** Mary Ann reported the date for creating a Lenten Environment in the Church will be on Tues, February 9th. An email will be sent out with additional details. All Worship Committee members are encouraged to attend the set-up. The guidelines for creating an environment in the church are found in the USCCB book, **Built on Living Stone.**
8. **Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers:** Liz has spoken to Mary Lopez regarding scheduling a Day of Reflection. Mary suggested we use Margaret Schientz to lead the session; Liz will be in contact with her and get something on the calendar. A discussion

developed concerning the need for additional Eucharistic Ministers. Camille explained that Stewardship is in charge of recruiting new members. Liz will contact someone on Stewardship to communicate the need.

9. **Additional Day of Reflections:** The remaining ministries that have not yet done a Day of Reflection are Environment and Sacristans.
10. **Christmas Book Distribution:** Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Jesus, was distributed at the Christmas Masses. The response to the book has been very positive. This book offers special emphasis on the Lenten journey. If you are in need of additional books, please contact the Parish Office.
11. **Pastoral Council Discernment:** Kim Prudlow will be accepting eligible names for discernment. The Pastoral Council discerns from all of the committee members. You can submit your own name or someone else. To be eligible, you must be on one of the committees under Pastoral Council for one year.
 - a. **Pastoral Council vs. Parish Council:** Dan explained the Parish Council included all of the budget work. When they took the budget work out and gave it to the Finance Council, they then became the Pastoral Council. This was directed by the Archdiocese.
12. **New Initiative Ideas:**
 - a. Mary Ann and Angela Bravata will be looking at the environment of twelve parishes in the surrounding area. They will be looking into who is in charge of the environments at each of the parishes and how it is handled.
 - b. Camille discussed an Archdiocesan email that challenged parishes to engage people when they attend Mass; especially Ash Wednesday, since it is the third most heavily attended Mass.
 - c. Camille shared ideas she had concerning how to better engage the little ones that attend mass. She would like to discuss ways our committee might be able to take charge on this new initiative.
 - d. Cari shared feedback from parishioners concerning the lack of devotional prayers since the new song books have been distributed.
13. **Combined Service with Calvary Lutheran:** As in previous years, we will be joining together for a worship service followed by a social with Calvary Lutheran. The event will take place on Wednesday, January 20th at SJV.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2016 @ 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Kolb, Worship Committee Secretary