

Worship Committee Minutes
St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: Worship Committee

Date of Meeting: February 22, 2016

Members Present: Greg Van Winkle, Mary Ann Davel, Dave Sanders, Ruth Warner, Jack Brockschlager, Gerry Offenbacher, Camille Wildes, Judy Kile and Janine Bamberger

Excused: Liz Kolb, Cari Schneider, Lee Crooks and Judy Radtke

Visitor: Parishioner, Diane Fowler

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

- 1. Faith Sharing:** Greg read the reading for prayer discussion from the Common Leadership Night.
- 2. Review Minutes:** January Worship Minutes were approved as written.
- 3. Pastoral Council Report:** Judy Kile reported there has not been a Pastoral Council Meeting since December so there is no update.
- 4. Eucharistic Minister Day of Reflection :** Camille reported for Liz that there will be two sessions. One on Tuesday, April 5 from 7 -9 pm and Saturday, April 9 from 9 – 11 am. Dr. Margaret Schlientz and Mary Lopez will lead the reflection. Mary Ann asked if the Environment Committee could join the activity due to their committee totaling less than five people. Camille gave her the approval for that to happen.
- 5. “What’s This” Subcommittee:** The committee has been writing articles since November, 2014. The next focus will likely be on the items in church. It was suggested that we inform the teachers that the What’s This articles are all listed on the website now and that perhaps these can be utilized as a teaching tool for the school children.
- 6. Easter Environment:** Mary Ann reported that plans have been made for decorating the church for Easter. The committee will get a request via email to help on March 23, 24 & 26. As in recent years, the chapel will be converted Thursday morning to look like a garden, creating a prayerful environment. All committee members are encouraged to help.
- 7. Day of Reflection for Sacristans:** Jack reported that Saturday, April 30 from 9 – 11 am has been scheduled for the reflection. Joy Stewart, the sacristan trainer, will lead the event along with two assistants. Camille wanted to make sure that this was indeed a day of reflection for the sacristans and not just a training session.
- 8. New Initiative Ideas:** Camille referenced the booklet from the Archdiocese, A Vision for the Future: Evangelization and the Sunday Mass, which she gave to the committee in January. She asked the committee to review this booklet for possible new ideas for SJV.

- a. **Youth Choir:** Camille has spoken with Dave, Vince and Fr. Ken regarding a young adult choir. It was also suggested that the liturgy office reach out to the confirmation classes to try and get Cantors and suggest that this is a way for them to get service hours. Dave commented that it is difficult to get high school students with strong voices that can cantor at Mass because of their busy schedules, but that they would try to reach out to them. Camille also learned that there is a middle school choir at SJV called the Shamrock Choir. She said she would ask the principal or the president if it would be possible for this choir to sing at some Masses in the future.
 - b. **Church Tours:** Mary Ann suggested offering tours of our church and chapel to show the symbolism and rich history we have to offer. She would like to use high school students to help with the tours; their time could be counted for their confirmation volunteer requirements. She plans on doing research to create the material needed to offer such tours. The goal is to have something concrete by the Fall of 2016.
 - c. **Church Attendance:** Jack brought up his concern of the high number of Catholics not attending Sunday Mass. He believes they do not fully understand the mystery of the Eucharist and if they did, they would want to attend more often. Many other committee members commented on this and what possibly could be done to help the attendance improve. Camille will reach out to Christian Formation to collaborate ideas. It was suggested that perhaps this should be covered more often in the homily.
 - d. **Children's mass booklets:** Camille brought up improving resources for children during Masses. A subcommittee of Camille, Judy Kile and Ruth has been set up and they will report back to the committee at the next meeting.
 - e. **Bathrooms:** Ruth brought up the issue of how dirty the bathrooms are in the parish building. The bathrooms in the lower level will be redone if the Capital Campaign goal is reached. However this is really an issue for the buildings and grounds committee.
9. **Addendum:** Dave reported that he will be gone for the next CLN and possibly the June CLN as well.
10. **Closing Prayer and Sign of Peace:**

Next Meeting: April 18, 2016 @ 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Janine Bamberger acting secretary