

Format for Committee Reports  
St. John Vianney Parish

Name of Committee: Worship Committee

Date of Meeting: Nov. 20, 2017

Members Present: Diane Scott, Gerry Offenbacher, Dave Sanders, Pat Butler, Cari Schneider, Kay Freeman, Katie Vitalbo, Cathy Raspanti, Camille Wildes, Matt Fricker, Lee Crooks, and Pastoral Council members: Duane McAllister (Pastoral Council liaison to Worship Committee). Kim Prudlow and Robert Scott. Absent Committee members: Demy Anfang, Mary Lopez, Jack Brockschlager

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

A. Faith Sharing

Diane Scott led the faith sharing. Interesting faith-filled perspectives and stories were shared by many.

B. Administrative

CLN Calendar Confirmation, Committee Minutes review, Roster Updates

C. Archdiocese Workshop Nov. 3 and 4 and Women of Christ Conference Nov. 3

Diane prompted comments about take-aways. These programs were very worthwhile and faith-building. It was brought up that there is a similar conference for Christian Men.

D. Environment and Set Up/Day of reflection

Katie indicated there are approximately 50 on the environmental Committee. They do not have meetings but work on the church environment. Some specialize, and they are a well organized, experienced group. Advent is a week later this year which puts Christmas Eve on a Sunday. There will not be an 11AM Mass on Dec. 24 and there will not be a 7:30 AM Mass on Christmas day. Dec. 22 is a big day for decorating. Jan. 7 will be the transition to Ordinary Time. Planning for Day of Reflection for the Environmental Committee is on hold for now. It will take place in the new narthex and they hope to have an artist as speaker. Details to be worked out further.

E. Church Tour and What's This

Camille reported we are starting Year 4 for What's This. Church Tour details are not yet available.

F. Music Ministry and Eucharistic Ministry Position #7

Dave Sanders interjected a couple of items: A Centering Prayer Program will be held at SJV on January 13, 2018. Marianne Kezmier is organizing it and Sr. Ann Koerner will be leading it. The Archdiocese has a Liturgical Ministry Day each year and has asked if SJV could host it January 2019. Everyone from the Archdiocese would be invited. There remains a need for another bell choir member. Please recruit. Dave also reported that Eucharistic Minister Position 7 has been getting too close to the hand bell station and they are working on a solution for that. Forming two communion lines near the choir side of the church has been confusing and hard to direct. Dave also added that at Father Ken's suggestion they have budgeted for new sacred vessels—cups and bowls—will be similar to our current ones but gold plated.

G. Hospitality Ministry

Lee indicated the AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) has been moved during church and narthex renovations. They would like to arrange for EMT training for the Hospitality Ministers. Camille mentioned that a new parishioner had asked about security in our church and that topic may merit further consideration but it outside the scope of the Worship Committee. It has been requested that the Hospitality Ministers serve during the parish retreat. Lee reported that long-time Hospitality Minister Tom Glueckstein will be going into hospice soon and it would be nice to find a way to recognize him in a special way.

H. Pastoral Council Report

Duane reported on the 10-23-17 Pastoral Council Meeting. He also triggered Discussion for the next two Worship Committee Meeting Items.

I. Use of Video at Mass

Pastoral Council asked that this be discussed by Worship Committee . Gerry researched what some other parishes are doing. He indicated that more and more parishes are doing video announcements before Mass. It would be for 3-5 key announcements that need to be highlighted. It is critical that the announcement process be welcoming, informative, and consistent. Details would need to be worked out and it would make sense for a staff member to be the one making the announcements and being taped. Diane commented that this could be the start of additional use of video during the Mass.

J. Mass Schedule Discussion

Pastoral Council asked that this be discussed by Worship Committee and a recommendation be made. Due to declining Mass attendance and the difficulty staffing volunteer ministries during Mass, the number of Sunday morning Masses will be reduced from three to two. It was concluded that the two Masses should be a minimum of two hours apart. Christian Formation programming would work around the revised Mass schedule. Several schedules were discussed with the intention to make a decision on the recommendation in January. All were on board with the decision to consolidate the three Sunday morning Masses into two.

K. Review Committee 2017-2018 Strategic Plan Changes

There was not time to discuss this but updates were distributed.

L. End Meeting with Prayer and Sign of Peace

Gerry wrapped up with an inspiring prayer.

**Decisions Made**

M. Mass announcements will be made via video before Mass instead of at the end of Mass. Details to be worked out further.

N. The three Sunday morning Masses will be consolidated down to two Masses. There will be a determination as to what the times will be in January.

II. Follow-up Work

A. Kathy Vitalbo will plan the Day of Reflection for the Environmental Committee. Gerry Offenbacher will provide support.

III. Next Meetings

A. Next Worship Committee Meeting is January 15, 2018. Agenda TBD at Agenda Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Will include follow-up on items listed above.

To: Pastoral Council

- FYI. No action needed at this time
- Please put us on your next agenda. See attachment.
- We need direction, please. See attachment.
- Other: