

St. Edith Worship Commission Meeting Minutes (Amended)

January 8, 2020

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Linda Bodnar, Cindy Coleman, Thomas Rist, Lisa Smerdon, and Trisha Watson. The absences of Jane DeRoo, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Al Rivard and Heather Shina were excused.

Father Jim McNulty opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:01 p.m. in the Parish Library.

With no corrections, minutes of previous meetings were accepted.

Music Ministry: Linda Bodnar shared the report which Heather Shina had submitted via email: Gained another choir member Debby Winnicker soprano
Will be meeting with organ builders this month to get last two quotes
Songbook is almost complete. Will be in the pews the weekend of Jan 18/19
God bless, Heather

Ushers: Linda Bodnar shared the report of Mike Magoulick which he had submitted via email:
The Usher have a new schedule. We have one large team for 11 AM on Sunday mass. There will be 2 captains and 12 people on this team. They are going to rotate the 12 people on the team.
Other groups are happy, now only the 11 AM team need to support this mass. There is no rotation of teams at 11 AM
Mike Magoulick

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that the schedule is set through March 7. The Gospel readings for the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent have been broken down into parts. She will consult with Fr. Jim to determine how many readers will be used for each of those Sundays.

Adoration: Tom Rist reported that we are “back in business” with Adoration. Deacon Bob was back yesterday, so there were Benediction and Communion at the closing. This was well received. Attendance is down a bit. Fr. Jim commented that we hope to get a boost during Lent, which is not unusual.

Art and Environment: Cindy Coleman reported that all went well when decorating for Christmas. The project was done in three parts, which made it more manageable. Decorations in the Hall have already been taken down. The rest of the decorations will come down on Sunday and Monday. Tom Rist said, “Thank you,” for the decorations, noting that they are so beautiful that they should stay up all year. Cindy said she discarded some of the old, un-lit trees, saving one 8-foot tree for possible use in wreath-making.

Cindy will order the palms to be used for decorating. Last year there was confusion as to how many boxes of palms to purchase, and there ended up being two boxes left over. Fr. Jim said we will review how many cases to order; Cindy suggested perhaps one less than last year. Discussion followed.

All white flowers are planned for Easter.

The remaining poinsettias in the Gathering Space can be given away after the 5 p.m. and 8:30 Masses this weekend. Those remaining in the church can be taken after the 11:00 Mass.

Trisha Watson expressed appreciation for the way the tabernacle and tabernacle lamp were arranged near the Nativity. Access was unimpeded. She further shared that Jim Vick suggested putting adjustable feet on the tabernacle, to eliminate the need for shims when it is moved to different locations on the sloped floor. Fr. Jim advised sharing that plan with Bob Calleja in Maintenance.

Tom Rist commented that he likes the angels in the Chapel.

Servers: Lisa Smerdon reported that she had hoped to have more servers at the Christmas Masses, and thanked the sacristans for helping.

Lisa thanked Cindy Coleman and Linda Bodnar for helping launder the servers' robes. It was noted that the robes have been around for a long time, and perhaps we should consider replacing them. Discussion followed. Fr. Jim said that the Trappist monks make robes for purchase. Lisa will look into that, and check what sizes would be appropriate, as we don't want the robes to be tripping hazards. Lisa reported that she attended a R.E. Mass on Monday and was pleased to see children she trained serving, even though they have not been serving at weekend Masses. Fr. Jim commented that the 7th and 8th graders oftentimes no longer want to serve.

Lisa plans to call the office to set up more training sessions. Having sessions more frequently, with fewer children in attendance, seems to work well.

A&E: Cindy Coleman added that Pat Gawlick is making a new cover for the monstrance.

Sacristan: Trisha Watson said that in response to Al Rivard's report of consecrated hosts being found in the pews, the EME's now go down the pews when leaving Mass, checking for hosts in the pews. Not a one has been found.

Until Al Rivard is again well, Trisha will do the set-up for the 11:00 Mass. The 11:00 EME's will have to finish placing the vessels on the credence table and find additional EME's, if needed, and then do the clean-up. Angie Beharry is working with Trisha on this, and Gino also helps.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim announced that the theme for Lent will be "The Best Lent Ever." *Dynamic Catholic* will be promoted.

It was noted that the words for the Advent theme, "Make Room for Jesus," have been placed on the wall in the Hall.

Fr. Jim asked for feedback concerning Christmas. Linda Bodnar shared that she had heard from a number of people that they really liked the book that Father read at the Children's Mass.

Fr. Jim inquired about how the simulcast went in the Hall. No one present was able to comment. Next month Mike Magoullick will be asked for input.

It was noted that there were not enough EME's in the Hall; Father recommends at least four EME's for the Hall; the EME's need to be aware that the Eucharist is present in the tabernacle in the Hall (the tabernacle was moved from the chapel to the Hall). With such a large crowd, two pitchers of wine for the Precious Blood are advised. We have adequate cups and could use the silver ones from the chapel for the Hall.

Fr. Jim expressed concern regarding sound issues, noting that only what the microphones pick up is heard in the Hall. Bob Calleja will test the sound during a Mass to see if adjustments are needed and help determine what can be done.

It was noted that people saved seats, but there is really nothing that can prevent that. Everyone had been advised that the 4 p.m. Mass would be crowded, both inside and in the parking lot.

Lisa Smerdon reported that she has read the Rediscover the Saints book and liked it. Fr. Jim reported that there are a lot of books left.

With no further business, the meeting concluded with the *Our Father* at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar