

St. Edith Worship Commission Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2019

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

Father Jim McNulty opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02 p.m. in the Parish Library.

Art and Environment: Cindy Coleman reported that things are going very well; everything is set for the Christmas season. The poinsettias were preordered, at a very good price (the same as the last few years). There are a lot of volunteers ready to help with the decorating. Plans are to start putting things up next Wednesday through Friday. The poinsettias will be delivered on Sunday, but not put in place until later. Fr. Jim expressed concern as to how the church would look for the Penance Service. He is proud of our Advent décor and would like to share it with the other parishes. Discussion followed.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that things are set for Sunday's concert. She confirmed with Mike Magoulick that three ushers would be available that afternoon. 525 programs have been printed and are ready to go. Hospitality is all set, with plans to use leftover cake from the Advent tea.

Heather continues to edit the songbook, which Fr. Jim said will be in the pews by Ordinary Time. Heather has received one quote for the organ console re-build. In January she will obtain additional quotes for the same work from two other companies.

One choir member is retiring after 40 years, due to family health issues. A new lady is joining in January. One Young Adult choir member is on hiatus for three months; Heather hopes to find more members for that group.

Heather asked Mike Magoulick and Joe Rashid if they have seen the song sheets for the Hall from last year. Since they have not, she said she will print 200 new ones.

Everyone is looking forward to the concert. Handbells rehearsed tonight and things are going well, with the addition of the substitute.

The ushers were reminded to keep the speakers on for Christmas. It was agreed that the outside speakers should be on for the concert this weekend, the pre-Midnight Mass concert and all of the Christmas Masses.

At 7:16p.m. Heather was excused from the meeting to return to rehearsals.

Sacristan: Joe Rashid shared the sacristan schedule for Christmas: 4 p.m. - John and Anna Martin, 6:30 p.m. - Dorothy Korzym, Midnight - Al Rivard, 8:30 a.m. - Trisha Watson, and 11 a.m. - Bob Klosowski.

For the Communal Penance Service on December 21 about a dozen spots will be set up for the visiting priests. Joe would like to meet with Mike Magoulick at about 11:30 that morning to arrange the chairs. Adoration will be part of the Penance Service.

Special thanks are extended to Judy Wyzlic, who will be doing double duty with laundry at Christmas. There will be a lot of linens/purificators due to the extra Masses.

Joe plans to be gone from January until Holy Week. Trisha Watson will cover in his absence.

Servers: Lisa Smerdon reported that servers are signing up pretty well for the Christmas Masses. She plans to launder the servers' robes this week. Fr. Jim told Lisa that she can obtain a key from the office if she needs to return the robes when the church is not open.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick said there were no changes with the ushers. They will meet on Friday to discuss Christmas plans.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that thus far the response for volunteers for the Christmas Masses has been rather poor. Another plea will be sent out. A new, though experienced, lector will be trained on Saturday. She is interested in the 11:00 Mass, which is good since that is the preference of few lectors.

EME's: Joe Rashid noted that one of the announcements at Masses this weekend will be a notice that EME sign-ups for the Christmas Masses will be available this weekend and next.

Adoration: Tom Rist reported that Adoration has been a little light, but still pretty good. Deacon Bob has been ill, so there has been no Benediction at closing. Distribution of the Holy Eucharist is also suspended during Deacon Bob's absence.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim said that copies of the book, Rediscover the Saints, which will be given as a Christmas gift to the parish, have arrived. Discussion followed as to where the books can be stored until Christmas in order that the Gathering Area not be cluttered with boxes.

There was discussion concerning the bank of devotional candles in the chapel. They will be put into use after Christmas.

For the Christmas Eve Masses, Fr. Jim would like the doors to the Gathering Area to be open, but only a few rows of chairs to be used. After the 6:30 Mass Father would like the ushers to remove the extra chairs and just close the chapel doors.

Things are set for Christmas, and ushers will be available for the Penance Service.

With no further business, the meeting concluded with the *Hail Mary* at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar