

## St. Edith Worship Commission Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

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

Father Jim McNulty opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 p.m. in the Parish Library.

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as presented.

**Lectors:** Linda Bodnar reported no problems with the lectors. She is working on preparing the Gospels for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent to be read in parts.

**Ushers:** Mike Magoulick reported on issues encountered at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass: More chairs should be set up in the Hall. While the EME's did have a plan, some went to the wrong spots, so there were only two in the Hall. There were problems with the sound; perhaps turning down the sound to the outside would increase the sound in the Hall. Fr. Jim said he would have Bob check that during a regular Mass.

The Ushers' Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday from 8:30-1:00.

Trisha Watson said that she spoke with the Martins, who were the 4 p.m. sacristans. They will address the EME issue. 6, rather than 4, EME's are needed in the Hall. They will be reminded that the tabernacle is in the Hall, not the Chapel. Trisha further suggested that Anna or John Martin "supervise" the EME's in the Hall, rather than serving as one.

Fr. Jim reported that at the January Parish Council meeting the lighting in the Hall was discussed. It needs to be tweaked for the Mass, as it was deemed too bright. Lisa Smerdon added that Rene Billotto felt the atmosphere would be more prayerful if the lighting was dimmed. The Council also noted that Communion took too long, due to the lack of EME's.

Trisha suggested that when the EME's are finished in the Church, they should check if they are needed in the Hall. Mike felt that someone merely went to the wrong spot.

Lisa added that the Council suggested more Body and Blood be available, perhaps using two pitchers of wine for the gifts.

The issue of having the food baskets out at Christmas was discussed. While decorations make their placement difficult, we do like showing our guests that we value having the children participate.

Heather Shina asked if they ran out of song sheets in the Hall. Mike replied, "Yes." Next year she will print 400, rather than 200 sheets.

Fr. Jim reminded the Ushers that Confirmation will take place on March 10 at 7 p.m. Angie Beharry asked how many students would be confirmed. Linda Bodnar said she would share that information with her.

**Servers:** Lisa Smerdon reported that she has looked briefly at new servers' robes online.

**Parish Council:** Lisa Smerdon noted that we have already gone over Christmas discussions. At yesterday's meeting it was noted that not all of the Gather books have the Gloria and Creed pasted in

them. Fr. Jim suggested that remedying that could be a good service project for students and it should be referred to Linda Kramer.

St. Edith has been chosen for "Unleash the Gospel." There will be a meeting on March 10 at the seminary. Each commission is asked to evaluate how we are doing regarding our current goals and objectives.

In the Spring there will be a Parish Survey, developed by students from U of M. They will ask about demographics, communications, and why we stay at St. Edith.

It was asked if enough bulletins are printed. The Welcome Committee noted that people sometimes pick up bulletins on the way into church. Also, they have asked for extra envelopes for general and capital fund contributions. Fr. Jim noted that those items are available on the table near the sacristy and on the book rack. Some can be added to the Welcoming Committee's basket. We prefer to avoid a lot of clutter on the tables.

Mike Magoulick volunteered that the Ushers would help support the funding of new servers' robes. Fr. Jim asked if Lisa had checked the Trappist site for them. Heather Shina suggested the Autom website. Discussion followed. No hoods would be preferred, and 3 or 4 robes in each of three or four sizes should be adequate.

Tom Rist commented that the servers are being well trained.

At the Parish Council meeting it was noted that June 10, 2020 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current building. Do we want to do anything to recognize that? Tom Rist mentioned that the parish's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in 2022, wondering if a new photo book would be made. Discussion followed. While Fr. Jim is not opposed to the idea, it is a lot of work, and relatively few people, especially those who are not very active in the parish, have their pictures taken. Perhaps other things can be done for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Fr. Jim announced that new Goals and Objectives will not be presented in June as has been done in the past. We shall focus on our current ones. With the "Unleash the Gospel" program a plan will have to be written in August.

**Sacristan:** Trisha Watson verified that on Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., with a Liturgy of the Word at 5 p.m. She will prepare the ashes for distribution.

She asked when the candle bank in the chapel will be put into use. Fr. Jim will check with Bob.

It was noted that servers are sometime arriving at the last minute for 8:30 Mass. If that is the case, they should process in without the candles, rather than rushing to get them from the altar, or just proceed to their places if they are really late.

New hosts have arrived, so they are all set. After Ash Wednesday, supplies will be checked, especially palms saved for ashes.

**Art and Environment:** Angie Beharry reported that Jane DeRoo is preparing for Lenten decorating. Angie and Susan Wiska have been taking care of things while Cindy Coleman and Jane are gone. Decorating will take place on the Monday prior to Confirmation. Fr. Jim advised contacting the office to get it on the calendar.

**Music Ministry:** Heather Shina reported that a new member has joined the choir and the Resurrection choir has two new members.

Concerning the organ proposals and bids: Heather approached four organ builders. One backed out, feeling it was too big a job. Another was planning in his own direction, not on the same page as our parish. Heather has two proposals and intends to look at some of their work and experience the feel/touch of the keys. She will also be checking with Joe Balistreri who is in charge of diocesan music.

There have been problems hearing the choir. The overhead microphones have been turned low to avoid feedback. Muting and unmuting them helps resolve the problem. It is a significant process to make real adjustments. An antenna will be used to extend the sound mixer, enabling Heather to access it at the organ.

The Music Ensemble will play at confirmation. The Children's Choir will sing on February 22. Handbells will ring at 8:30 Mass on Easter and at First Communion at 10:30 on May 9.

In regard to the new song books, Mike Magoulick said the ushers love them. Discussion followed concerning the fact that the books are already getting bent.

For Stations of the Cross, Christian and Anne will play, and Emily and Hope will sing.

Heather has updated the website descriptions of the Music Department.

**Adoration:** Tom Rist reported that things are pretty good. Adorers are signing in. Deacon Bob is missed when he is not there for Benediction. Distribution of the Holy Eucharist only occurs if a deacon is present. Tom would like a bulletin article reminding parishioners as to the location of the chapel and times of Adoration.

**EME's:** Al Rivard reported training four new couples. A host was again found in the pews. He used the event as a teaching moment, demonstrating proper disposal technique. Trisha Watson noted that the EME's check the pews and floors every Sunday after the 8:30 Mass.

**Fr. Jim's Comments:** Fr. Jim asked if the introduction before the readings is helpful or not. The consensus was "Yes, it is helpful."

Trisha Watson suggested that Fr. Jim again do a teaching Mass.

Trisha further noted that many ceiling tiles are in poor condition due to water damage. This is unsightly, and not the image we want to present, especially to visitors. Fr. Jim replied that tiles that match our current ones are not available for purchase. The possibility of painting them was discussed briefly.

Fr. Jim will encourage people to sign up for *Dynamic Catholic*.

Linda Bodnar shared comments Jane DeRoo sent via email: In Florida the priest advised people to dispose of old palms by 1) burning them or 2) burying them. Jane was unaware of the burying option and wanted us to be aware.

With no further business, the meeting concluded with a prayer at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Bodnar*