

St. Mary's of the Hills Worship Commission December 12, 2009

Present: Annette Kelly, Darlene Kolpasky, Christine McGowan, Mary Bomarito, Beth Belesky, Deacon Gene, Tim December, Mark Joyce, Mark Misch

Standing Committee Reports

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

The concert at St Andrew's was a great success and Dan expressed how very well they sang. All choirs are preparing for the Christmas season.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Darlene Kolpasky

A nourishment session may be planned for early 2010.

Altar Servers/AV Technicians: Nancy Richter

Not present. No report.

Dan did express some concern for absenteeism of the scheduled AV tech on several occasions. It was suggested by Darlene that perhaps an actual ministry be set up that would have advancing levels of responsibilities and possible rewards to entice and keep members. This ministry would have more tech responsibilities than just AV at Mass. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Arts and Environment: Annette Kelly

The Advent environment is lovely. Many positive comments on the banners. The church will be decorated for Christmas on December 22.

Legion of Mary

No report.

Ministers of Hospitality: Arnie Vandercruyssen

Not present, but reports that the 2010 schedule is available at the usher table and will soon be on the web site. Name badges have been purchased. Thanks to Steve Cody.

Lectors: Tim December

There is no recruitment effort at this time, since the ministry has many members. Most would like to lector more often. The schedule is complete to include special masses and Holy Days.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

There has been good response to the new signup sheet for the offertory gifts. Mary is a bit short handed at 11 am mass, since Rochelle Tester, mass coordinator has moved to FL. Mary will ask for help as she needs it.

Budget: no formal report, but we are slightly over to date.

Old Business:

Not enough time for a full discussion on moving forward from the mission. Would like to have a several day mission every other year, alternating with a speaker presentation. Perhaps a sub-committee would be formed.

Worship GIFT session for January: One Holy, catholic and Apostolic church” will be featured by the worship commission and will include adult breakout sessions on the parts of the mass. This has been confirmed, and there will be a meeting on Monday, December 28th at the church, after the 7 pm mass, to review details. We will need volunteers to help. Beth B will send an email to all members to inform them.

Deacon Gene also mentioned that he would be willing to have this instruction during Lent, before the masses for about 5 minutes. This will be further considered.

New Business:

Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 17.

We need to develop our theme, and we will meet at the church on Monday January 4 after the 7pm mass.

In speaking of themes, Dan G spoke of having a unifying theme for the parish that would be the umbrella for the year. GIFT would likely set the tone for this. It would be more cohesive and bring unity to all area, especially worship. There was favorable response to this. The theme year would perhaps be started in September. This will be brought up at the joint meeting and hopefully carried forward.

All members were encouraged to attend the joint session of the parish council meeting.

Next Meeting is January 9, 2010.