

MINUTES
SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP COMMITTEE
May 11, 2010

Present: Kathy Ritger, Fr. Tom, Mary Wondra, Evie Mather, Jim Vogenthaler, Diane Vollmer

Excused: Ruth Gassner, Mary Hoffmann

Old Business:

No new information on Music ministry.

Thanks to Evie M., the letter with the information on the Day of Prayer For Each Other that is scheduled for June 2nd, will be sent out to all parishioners in the next week. The objective is for everyone to pray for the parishioner designated on their individual letter. A prayer guide will be included in the mailing.

Francis Schraufnagel has retired from the St. Andrew's church choir. It has been suggested there be a presentation at the 8:30 mass the weekend of May 30th. Ruth G. will take care of ordering some of his favorite flowers (roses) as a Thank you. He is humble and does not want a large celebration.

The Summertime Mass in the park will be scheduled for Sunday, July 18th at St. Andrew's at 10:30 a.m. Fr. T. will have Ray Collien check that there is no baseball tournament that day.

The plaque proclaiming St. Andrew's on the historical registry has arrived. Thanks to Leonard Schraufnagel for all of his conscientious work in making this possible. It is suggested that this presentation be made at the outdoor mass on July 18th when the Schraufnagel family can be present.

More discussion on the outdoor mass next month.

Parish Council Report:

Per last months' meeting, Kathy R. reported that the Parish Council would like the input of all committees on their future goals and objectives. The Committee had a long brainstorming session and completed the final draft with their goals and objectives. Kathy will complete the form and take to the next Parish Council meeting in May. Evie M. asked that each committee member receive an emailed copy of the final draft.

New Business:

Jim V. would like to reintroduce Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to our parishes. Committee suggested that this could be an objective of our committee. It was suggested that maybe people need to be educated on what Adoration means before the Adoration would take place. This might then catch the interest of more people. Maybe this could coincide with the January Adoration that was done by Willis Heideman around Jan. 21st to coincide with the Roe vs. Wade decision.

Jim V. also suggested purchasing some mass booklets like St. Andrew's has that have all of the readings in them. Committee felt that those persons interested should purchase their own.

No Election of officers. Evie M. suggested that with the new focus of the committee working together, there will be no need for officers. Diane V. volunteered to take minutes for the meetings and post Agendas on email in advance of the meetings. These agendas can be added to by the committee members anytime before the meeting date. We are always looking for new members. If you know of someone willing to help, but not interested in meetings, inform the committee.

It has been suggested that a calendar with the goals and timelines of the committee be developed to keep on top of our objectives. Diane V. will get the calendar started and present at June meeting. Eventually the calendar will be used as the agenda for the monthly meeting.

Members might need to meet more often than monthly, or possibly communicate with email more often, as necessary.

Kathy R. recommended that part of the committee objectives will be to constantly be aware of our commitment to our parish and our community/world in times of adversity. (possibly additional prayer sessions, second collections) Let's be more aware of these pro-active opportunities. Email each other in situations where we might be of help. Focus on getting groups working together for our common good.

Pastor Report:

Other Business:

We will use email more often in our communication with each other. It has been decided we will meet each month, including the summer months to have a smoother transition with our calendar.

Kathy R. suggested we do something special for Pentecost for the weekend masses on May 22 and 23. The announcement this weekend at the masses will be to suggest everyone wear red clothing to mass. Seven candles signifying the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit will be lit before mass by parishioners who will be asked to participate. This committee will make calls to ask for participants. Then the candles will be taken out after mass at the closing procession by seven additional parishioners. Parishioners who will light and carry candles are asked to come 20 min. early for mass for their instruction.

Each member is asked to critique the liturgy for the next four weeks and bring their information back to our next meeting. What did I get out of the mass? (ex. How was the singing, did people pray, ushers doing their job, greeters) This might give us some idea of the areas that need work.

Next Meeting

June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's

Goals:

1. Encourage Prayer & Worship members to attend workshops offered by Archdiocese, LARC SWORC and others that will help us to understand liturgy and effectively plan for the seasons.
2. Environment – continue to work on this to make worship space welcoming and enhance worship experience.
3. Music – continue to develop this ministry
4. Youth – look for ways to include youth in liturgy
5. Commissioning of Ministers