

Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

APPROVED Minutes

Attendance:

Father Walter, Deacon Gary, Joe Hinshaw, Jim Newhouse, Bob Schommer, Melanie Lewin

Opening Prayer

Review of Previous Minutes: Motion to approve moved by Jim and Bob; unanimous

Pastor's Report

- Father talked about adding 2 bells to the bell tower. The strategic date for installing them is sometime in 2023
 - Rationale for adding them is for the harmonic aesthetic, for community call to worship and for defense against demons
 - Right now a quote is being prepared by Verdin Bells and there is a competing bidder by diocesan referral. It was recommended at the meeting that we could request donations from parishioners specifically for the bells
- Father and Bob talked about renovation of the Sanctuary
 - Bob explained that, by moving the altar back, we would gain 5 more rows and would have a net gain of 58 seats and have kneelers for the front row
 - Another reasons to move the altar back is that the angled step platform is a fall hazard
 - More seats can lead to greater attendance and more organization during Holy Communion
 - The ambo can also be moved and lowered, as it is too high and cramps the priest, deacon and servers
 - Father suggested moving the choir out of the sanctuary and having them in the loft and that if climbing up the steps is too much for some choir members, we could have a secondary choir/keyboard area below the choir loft as well, though still in the back of the church. This is because the current choir area can be distracting and is not compliant with USCCB guidelines.
 - All seemed to be in agreement regarding the realignment of the ramp and the removing of ramp railings
 - We will leave space for a communion rail, but we will likely not be installing one in the near future
 - Strategic date for whole sanctuary renovation is 2024, though Bob is hopeful we can have the altar moved back and the new seats in by the end of 2022 or by Easter of 2023
- Move organ console to choir loft, restore the integrity of the instrument. Strategic date: 2022 or 2023
- Two murals on the back walls that could be restored. Strategic date: 2023
- We discussed painting the Stations of the Cross in a more vibrant style like the main crucifix (strategic date: 2023)
 - We also talked about painting the Holy Family statue but it was decided that it would be better to just buy a new Holy Family statue
- Father mentioned that some items should be moved from the tower landings this month that are a safety concern

- Someone else (I think Bob?) had already spoken with Nikki about it and it was figured out that some items can be moved to the garage and some to the choir loft storage room
- On a related note, it was also discussed that the choir loft storage room could use cleaning and organization at some point

Reflections for Holy Week

- Palm Sunday – will need more palms next year
- Holy Thursday and Good Friday went well
- The Easter Vigil went well except sound disappeared partway into the time outside with the fire. We don't know why, as it was tested beforehand and there were no problems
- Older guest servers during the Triduum did great

Sprinkling Rite

- Will be at every weekend Mass during the Easter Season (before the Gloria?)

May Crowning

- Father already put a crown on Mary but we might do it later in May with a larger group of people. It will be discussed with Kathy about organizing it and someone will talk to Scott about school kids doing it. It will likely be done at a 10:30 Mass

First Communion Masses

- Ones over the past weekend went well
- Additional discussion: no word yet on when the Precious Blood will be at Mass for everyone to receive under that particular species
- Additional discussion: asking if we should get a second EMHC so one could handle one of the side sections and the other one could handle the other side. Decided that this would not be necessary. In the future, EMHCs, when they're done with the side sections, can bring the Eucharist to those in the St. Therese Hall and those in the Rocket Café

Confirmation

- Wednesday, May 25 at 6 PM. Choir scheduled to sing. Anne is working with Kathy to get the readings Bishop David wants to do. Joe and Kathy have gotten all the altar servers for that Mass, there will be 5 servers, including Joe

Music

- Organ repairs: About \$5,000 to fix the squealing pipe
- Space by organ blower: Needed to be kept open and Anne sent a message to Melanie, Father, Deacon and the Parish office to let them know why. This situation has been handled
- Raising music stipend: Father will authorize increasing the stipend from \$25 per Mass to \$50 per Mass on 7/1/2022, though this only refers to pianists/organists

Parking lot renovations

- Have begun and are going well

Going away party for Father Walter

- We are figuring this out. No set date yet. Peggy Conrad has put together a planning team for it but we have to find a date that works best for Father

Children's Liturgy of the Word

- Started at St. Edward with just one kid but has not started up again here as we don't have a leader yet

New Business

- Father will ask David about camera zooming in more on the altar for live-streaming Mass
- Anne wanted us to talk about her email from Carl Peterson and how we still want youth cantors
- Ascension Mass: is on Sunday, May 29. There will be white decorations, no smoke, no special songs
- Pentecost Mass: is on Sunday, June 5. There will be red decorations, smoke, no special songs

Jim made a motion to adjourn and Melanie seconded.