

**Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
October 2, 2018**

Members Present: Marny Clark, Mary Jochman, Bob Schommer, Anne Thelen, Deacon Gary Vanness (Father at Clergy Congress)

September Minutes were approved.

Discussion items:

Unannounced Guest: Kelly Bekkers-Graham requested time with Worship Committee to get some guidance on the August minutes request that there be limited transposition of the music. She wanted to know: What part(s) of mass are too low? Is it just the 7am? Does a particular group sing too low? What exactly needs to be "fixed"? Wants clarification as to the comment "strain on the voice". Kelly recorded the last two weeks of masses to find out what key everyone is playing for church (to see if there is wide variation among the music groups and how the music is played/sung). She would appreciate direct and timely feedback regarding songs that may be played/sung too low, too high, too fast, too slow, too loud, too quiet, etc. (ie: lowering of the key the song is written in). She requested the Committee members record their thoughts on all the songs for the next five weeks and handed out a sheet for each member to do so. The committee members were reminded of what the minutes said. The majority of the members agreed that the key should be what is shown in the hymnal – no raising or lowering. Anne and Gary recused themselves from the filling out of the sheets and key range discussion. This was a 15 minute discussion. Kelly was also instructed on the procedure to make a presentation to the Committee (this is standard protocol).

Protocol for requesting time of a committee: Send an e-mail to Father Walter and the Committee leader (currently Mary Jochman for Worship) outlining what you would like addressed and why. Once you receive a response, which is usually an invitation to make your presentation, you are then put on the agenda.

Discussion of Kelly's unannounced visit: After she departed, the committee reiterated that the key signatures shown in the music should be followed – this is recommended by the Worship Committee. Lower and slower music is not good (speed of songs – specifically mass parts). Youth singers at last week's Sunday mass (9/30/2018 @ 10:30am) was well received. Hoping to get more interest of the Youth to sing. Do we need an appointed music "director" to help smooth out these type issues with the music area? Tabled the last question until December's meeting when Father Walter will be present.

Pastor's Comments: Father had sent his comments to the Board prior to leaving for the Clergy Congress. (1) September Server of the Month: Caden Bast. (2) The Proposal to get a new cross and crucifix and center it on an arch in the Sanctuary has been approved by the Bishop. The corpus has been ordered – note: the carving will take several months. (3) Youth masses with Student Participation are set for the 10:30am mass for 11/18/2018; 3/17/2019 and 5/19/2019. Jennifer Jochman, Jodi Roskowski and Angela Weyenburg are leading this endeavor. 2/3/2019 is the Catholic School Week Mass and is St. Nicholas School members.

Corpus update: See Pastor's Comments #2.

Continued from last month: Objective from 1-Year Plan: Investigate plan to expand music & choral skills in Parish Community. Goal: Sponsor a "Ministry Fair" to promote opportunities for service and community building. This would include all opportunities at St. Nicholas, not just music and choral skills. Perhaps we could coordinate the mailing of the Stewardship forms with this proposed Ministry Fair. We discussed having a Stewardship weekend after the Harvest Bazaar. **Need Father's input for a date.**

Mass journals: Reintroduce during Stewardship weekend? Add to announcements? Will order a few more placing them out at the entrances before the weekend of discussion. Complete before Advent.
Related to above Objective – need Father’s input.

Annual Meeting update: Went very well. Cross and Corpus addition was announced as approved.

World Mission Sunday: Is there a designated weekend for this?

Blue Mass: Tuesday, October 23rd @ 5:45pm Jodi & Dennis will provide music.

All Saints Day – Thursday, November 1st 8:15am and 5:45pm masses. Father proposes the following to transition from the 5:45pm Mass to the All Souls Day prayer service:

- a. Communion
- b. Prayer after communion
- c. Jubilee prayer to the Holy Spirit
- d. Invite people to be seated for the reading of the necrology (names of the dead)
- e. As people are seated; announce: “Ushers and helpers will be handing lit vigil candles for those joining the procession to the cemetery at these two exits: by the tower or by the organ. Join in singing or respect the sacred silence.”
- f. Read the list of names
- g. Final blessing and dismissal
- h. Recessional hymn
- i. People are free to depart or join in the procession to the cemetery

Anointing of Sick Mass: November 13th, Tuesday 5:45pm mass Anne & Dennis will provide music.

St. Nicholas Mass: December 6th at 8:15am with the school children.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service: Scheduled? What readings will be used? **Need Father’s input.**

Any new business: (1) Do we need a music director? (2) The song Sanctuary – could this be changed to using only on weekend masses/Holy Day masses? It seems to take up too much time on those smaller masses (such as weekday) when there are not a lot of people in attendance. (3) When we sing “O Sacrament Most Holy”, it has been requested that the tabernacle be left open so that Jesus can hear us singing to him. Close it after the song is completed. This suggestion was fully supported by the Worship Committee members. Needs Father’s input on all three new business items.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 6:30pm

Respectively Submitted by Anne Thelen