

Saint Mary Parish, Milton, WI.
Liturgy Commission Meeting
April 3, 2019

Chair: Katherine Owens
Prayer: Lou Pins

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ark

Present: Julia Armstrong, Bob Berger, Doreen Houge, Katherine Owens, Lou Pins, Lisa Pokel, Don Roberts, Mary Kay Sitter, Lisa Meyers

I. Prayer - led by Lou Pins

II. Minutes of February 6, 2019 - approved

III. Update Items

A. Ash Wednesday-

- Morning mass was well attended, approximately 100 – 130 people, with enough ministers for both Communion and ashes. Both ushers and servers were of good number as well.
- Afternoon ash service, however, was packed. A reminder for next year, if following the same schedule, to have 4 ash distributors and ushers present to guide the flow of people going up for ashes.

B. Stations of the Cross-

- Have been going well. Leaders are doing a great job. A few glitches here and there, but overall, things are going smoothly.
- One cross bearer stated that she was able to focus on each station and truly listen to the story of each as she walked from station to station.
- There was a discussion about whether there is enough room behind the cross bearer for people who would possibly like to walk along. Although there is not a lot of space, most people would probably choose to stay in the pews, and it can be given as an option.
- Stations on Good Friday evening, which would have been led by Father Dave, will now be led by Lou. Julie will be the reader. We wanted to make this a little more special because it is Good Friday. So we will add the music portion of the stations with Bob playing the piano and Lisa M being the song leader. Doreen will check the piano accompaniment to make sure it matches what is in the Way of the Cross – Pope John Paul II version.

C. Palm Sunday Procedure

- Doreen talked us through the procedures. People will be given a song sheet as they enter the Center.
- Palms will be on tables at the far end of the Center. After the readings and blessing of palms, Father will proceed out the back door of the Center. Congregation will follow, picking up their palms as they walk out. Ushers will be there to help distribute. Lisa P and Don will assist on Sunday.
- The pianist and song leader will not process outside, but will go into church to begin the song All Glory, Laud and Honor.
- Since we now have a way to get sound from church into the Center, perhaps people will sing while inside. If it's a nice day, we can open the side door of the center so people processing outside can maybe hear the music as well.
- Of course we realize that things may change once a priest is assigned to us to say Palm Sunday mass. We will go with the flow as much as possible and be okay with the outcome.

IV. New Business

A. Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet

- Unsure if this will happen, but if it does, Katherine has volunteered to be our representative. (She may even have to have 2 feet washed if we don't have enough people.)

B. Easter Environment

- Melanie is all set with the decorations for Easter. They will be put up Saturday during the day. Colors will be gold, rose and ivory.
- Easter lilies could go on the altar this year.
- Lou (who is awesome!) will come Saturday to help light up the outside cross. He will have a timer to light the cross from dusk to dawn.
- At one point there was talk of the Faith Formation kiddos making flowers to be part of the decorations in the Gathering Space. However, this is probably not going to happen. Lisa will confirm with Sabrina then inform Melanie so she can change plans if necessary.

C. Overflow in Center

- Lisa shared that Metro Sound was contacted to give a proposal as to what it would cost to live broadcast into the Center for Christmas and Easter.
- There was much discussion about the need to "hard wire" cameras and sound, and is there a way to do so wirelessly for less money.
- Doreen will talk with people at her school to see how they were able to set up cameras.
- Questions raised: is there someone at the High School who could guide us to find a more reasonable solution? Is it sensible to spend a lot of money now not knowing what may happen with building/renovations? Can we borrow screens from other churches if we only need them twice a year?
- We are guessing this same discussion will take place with the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council.

D. Elderly/Handicapped seating areas

- A parishioner requested the last two pews on the main floor be reserved for elderly/handicapped. The back chairs fill up with elderly/handicapped and their caregivers, especially at the Saturday mass, so we felt this would be a good idea.

E. Upcoming Dates

- First Communion May 5th, 10:30 a.m. – much discussion on the amount of chatter during mass last year. Is there a way to reduce the noise?
- Suggestions: seat children with their parents, reserve one pew for each child and their family, send a reminder note with the kiddos to be respectful in church, mention it at practice.
- Since this is Sabrina's area, Lisa will talk with her about our concerns. Sabrina's decision.

F. Other

- Father Dave had asked if we would consider moving our meetings to Thursday. He has most Thursdays open and could attend more often. Thursdays work for everyone; Julie would have to miss meetings during play practice months.
- Liturgy Commission mission statement – it was brought up that we need to have a mission or purpose statement. It will go on the agenda for May.

V. Task Assignments for Next Meeting: May 1, 2019

Chair: Julie

Prayer: Lisa P

VI. Adjourn- 7:08 p.m.