

Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 pm
Meeting Summary

Present: Karen Snider, Suzy Wells, Bernie Fritz, Andrew Moore, Joe Stephenson, Kristy Tucker, Fr. Noel Zamora.

The meeting opened with prayer. Bernie agreed to facilitate the meeting in Sue & Fr. Joe's absence.

2008 Triduum Lessons Learned:

The committee reviewed the agenda attachment "2008 Triduum Feedback." Because a great deal of discussion and additional suggestions followed, that section of the meeting is summarized in an attachment.

Action Items:

Action Items 1 (secure a new Committee coordinator) and 4 (develop a team approach to Eucharistic Ministering) were not covered, as their respective owners were not in attendance at the meeting.

6. Send John Mitchell updates for the website.

Just a reminder to send updates in as soon as possible.

8. Consider picking a date when the children could make something to present as part of the Offertory procession.

Suzy suggested doing this for Pentecost (May 11th) or sometime in May to honor the Blessed Mother.

- Need to check with Fr. Joe
- The ushers need to know before Mass that the children will bring something up during the offertory procession
- Fr. Noel suggested waiting until after April (stewardship) and not have the activity on May 17th (First Communion).

9. Develop a team approach for altar serving.

Joe has asked some of the older altar servers about being team leaders; they have refused. He intends to ask again if he does not get more names at the time & talent survey.

11. Remind ushers that they need to pick-up the Sanctuary after Masses.

Although Sue was not here to discuss the issue, Fr. Noel wanted to note that after the April 6th's 11am Mass, the ushers did not pick up the many surveys left in the pews.

Ministry Updates

Ministry Team: Children's Liturgy

Team Leader: Suzy Wells

During the discussion about Open Issue #8, Suzy shared a couple of issues. Currently she only has 4 teachers, meaning that Children's Liturgy cannot occur every Sunday. She does have 2 new recruits who are in the process of getting Virtus trained.

In addition, middle to high school-age young women have been helping lately. Suzy has found it awkward to turn away the girls from helping, (especially when she has 40 kids in the room) but knows that the girls should be attending Mass anyway.

Ministry Team: Altar Serving

Team Leader: Joe Stephenson

Plans for Upcoming Month: Still trying to develop a team approach for the Altar Servers. Can't find adults who are interested and some youth have said that there was too much time involved. Will have another training session for those who are interested.

Scheduling is still a problem. Have asked servers so send me an e-mail stating their mass preference. Sent out 67 sever requests and received 7 replies.

Issues / Concerns: How do we teach servers responsibility and dedication?

Fr. Noel said he would be willing to call a meeting with the servers to talk about the commitment. He noted that servers usually come on time for Mass when trying to earn service hours. When the new youth minister comes on board, Father will ask him/her to help recruit altar servers from the 2 youth groups.

Another suggestion was to hold an altar servers "thank you" party at the end of the year (a Legends game, pizza party, Kings Island, etc. paid for by the Church) as it has been in years past. Father noted that kids like incentives such as getting paid or excused from school to serve weddings or funerals. Joe suggested the idea of having special incentives for team leaders.

Ministry Team: Lectors

Team Leaders: Kristy & Mark Tucker

Highlights Since Last Meeting

1. The Triduum went very well. The lectors showed up and read beautifully.
2. Fr. Joe's idea of having the lectors sit in the front pew at the Easter Vigil worked very well. It made the transitions very efficient.

Plans for Upcoming Month

1. Conduct a training session the last weekend of April.
2. Train individual lectors who were on the list but never trained.
3. Begin plans on making a more efficient roster. We are considering sending out a request for scheduling information via email, snail mail, & the bulletin.

Issues / Concerns

1. Upon sending out the new schedule we received a great deal of negative email. It has been time consuming to respond to every single one. In addition, many the lectors wanted us to find subs instead of finding one themselves.
2. The current roster is out of date; apparently several changes are needed. When the new schedule was sent out, we received lots of emails informing us of a change in schedules, etc. We have tried to correct the roster & schedule preferences accordingly.

Fr. Noel requested that the lector schedule in the sacristy have a line for a sign-in to help monitor attendance. Joe & Kristy plan to get together before the next quarter to try to coordinate lector-server schedules.

Ministry Team: Music

Team Leader: Karen Snider

Karen is getting her choirs ready for Pentecost, Mother's Day, First Holy Communion, and Corpus Christi. She is training as many new cantors as possible. The cantors have been instructed not to take the "Statue of Liberty" pose during the responsorial psalm; it's a matter of breaking habit. She hopes to hold a music camp over the summer with Adam Beekan.

The school/children's choirs are in the homestretch as the school year winds down. Recently the school choir participated in a diocesan school choir concert and sang beautifully.

Ministry Team: RCIA

Team Leader: Andrew Moore

Andrew wants to ask Fr. Joe about the possibility of having some of the neophytes give a witness on Pentecost Sunday.

There will be baptisms every Sunday (and one Saturday) in April except during the Stewardship weekend, April 19-20th. In addition, a couple people are scheduled to be brought into the Church (Mark Lund, April 26th at the 4:00 pm Mass). Karen will notify the music groups.

Pastor/Parochial Vicar Update: Fr. Noel

Tuesday, 4/15 is the 5th anniversary of the Family Holy Hour.

Leo Brown stepped down as leader of the LifeTeen band. It will now be lead by Adam Beekan; he has been busy with his other work commitments at Lexington Catholic to resume the band. The LifeTeen Mass may be phased out in the coming months; Fr. Noel will keep everyone updated.

May is a very busy month for Fr. Joe and Fr. Noel. May 12-15th is the Priests' Convocation. Please be mindful of the priests' schedules. Wedding season will begin soon; keep in mind for having servers and musicians available.

May 17th: Diocese of Lexington Priestly Ordination

June 7th: Diocese of Lexington Deaconate Ordination. Bob Kotzbauer & Bill Rood from Mary Queen will be ordained that day. Getting the new deacons into the schedule is a work in progress. Fr. Noel asked about the parish having some type of welcome to the two new deacons.

Fr. Noel thanked the committee on behalf of the staff & parish for the success of the Triduum.

Confirm the next meeting & closing prayer

The next scheduled Worship Committee meeting falls on May 13th during the priests' convocation. It was suggested to tentatively change the meeting to Tuesday, May 6th, as the 3rd Tuesday (May 20th) is a Family Holy Hour led by Fr. Joe. Bernie will check with Sue & Fr. Joe about the date change.

Fr. Noel led the committee in closing prayer. The meeting concluded at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Tucker

Attachment: Additional Triduum Comments & Feedback

- ❑ Regarding the awkward 10-minute pause following the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, it was suggested allowing the congregation to sit until the presider & neophytes returned. Another problem that occurred during the time period was that the congregation's candles burned down and several became tired.
- ❑ One of the reasons for the long pause was that last year the congregation came to the baptism font to light their candles from the Pascal Candle. This year the greeters helped light the candles.
- ❑ On Holy Thursday, the congregation did not seem to know when to process behind the priest or kneel while he incensed the Blessed Sacrament. It was suggested having Father announce "please kneel" to the congregation (after all, many people may not have attended a Holy Thursday or Benediction service in a long time). Also, ushers could be utilized to help funnel the congregation into the procession.
- ❑ Regarding the number of hosts consecrated—the Triduum services had nearly double the attendance of last year, which was unexpected. There is also the danger of overcrowding the tabernacle with too many hosts.
- ❑ Fr. Noel said he was pleased to see a large turnout for Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (about 50) and many of them returned for the 6:30 pm service.
- ❑ Every Easter Sunday Mass was crowded, both in the church and parking lot. Perhaps an additional Easter Mass, such as a "sunrise" Mass, would help alleviate the crowds and the parking lot.
- ❑ Bernie reminded everyone that the extra crowds make Communion and therefore Mass last longer. Adding at least a ½ hour in between Masses would help for better crowd control. Fr. Noel was able to keep the 8:00 am Mass under an hour. He cautioned that changing too many Mass times on Easter could confuse parishioners who are used to attending Mass at a certain time.
- ❑ Regarding EME positions: even at regular Sunday Masses their positions vary. Perhaps send more EMEs to the back pews. This idea has been brought up every year.
- ❑ Regarding Easter Sunday crowds & traffic. Andrew suggested hiring an off-duty police officer to direct traffic in & out of the parking lot onto Clays Mill. The Clays Mill Baptist Church does this every Sunday to help their

members get out of the parking lot. Andrew will find out the cost. Bernie suggested finding the cost of having an officer every Sunday.

- Joe, who was unable to attend the entire Holy Week services, said he has heard lots of positive comments, except about the chair situation at the Easter Sunday Masses.
- Suzy offered the idea of broadcasting the Easter Sunday Masses on the TV screen in the foyer when there is an overflow crowd.