

St. Margaret Mary Parish
Spiritual Life and Worship Committee
Minutes for May 5, 2011 Meeting

Attendees: Walt Stumpf, Steffi Sander, Fr. Vince Kobida & Pat Boeckeler
Excused: Marlene Kollmeyer

The meeting was opened at 7:10 p.m. with scripture, the “Question of the Week” and prayer petitions

Minutes of the April 4th meeting were approved as written.

Music Director: The search for Music & Liturgy Director still goes on, with no permanent candidate in mind. Fr. Vince plans to contact Mike Kamenski of St. Sebastian’s parish to assist in planning our next move in filling this important position. In the meantime, our current temporary musicians for Saturday and Sunday liturgies will continue.

Evaluation of Triduum: The general feeling was that the Triduum went very well. It provided an opportunity for all people involved to talk more to each other in the planning. We felt that the music was good, and appreciated by most in attendance; with serious reservations about continuing this source on a long-term basis.

Liturgy Survey Follow-Up: We felt that the parish forum went very well. There were fifty-eight people in attendance, and participating in discussion groups. Mike Kamenski’s talk was very warmly received by all. It reinforced many important elements in making a great liturgy; including his quote that, “If the mass is boring it is because boring people come to mass. We must come to mass prepared, and not looking for entertainment”. Pat Boeckeler expressed thanks to Walt for summarizing and presenting the results of the parish liturgy survey. Walt Stumpf thanked Fr. Vince, and expressed our empathy in his willingness to listen to all of the criticism during this process; and hope that we can all learn from this experience and move forward for the betterment of all individuals and the parish in genera.

Where Do We Go From Here: It was agreed that the SLW Committee is desperately in need of additional members, hopefully some with background in, or interest in learning about, liturgical planning, to move us from good to GREAT. All interesting candidates are encouraged to contact any of the SLW Committee members.

All Committee members are reminded of the forum follow-up meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 in Sampon Hall

Fr. Vince passed out copies of an article titled An Opening Message to Adult Catholic Parish Members, a document prepared in 1981 talking about the same concerns of changes since Vatican II, which are really the same concerns we face today. We are to study this document and try to learn from it.

Future: The church environment will be changed to Ordinary Time décor prior to Pentecost Sunday.

Ministries:

- Lectors – Walt reported that we have lectors assigned to fill the schedule void created by Maxine Thurner’s death. We miss her.

Other Business: Fr. Vince encouraged us to visit Our lady of Lourdes Parish at 3722 S. 58th St for their second mass some Sunday for a different experience with the liturgy.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with The Lords Prayer at 8:30 p.m...

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter Stumpf", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Walter Stumpf