

## Worship Committee Meeting Minutes November 3, 2016

Those present: Bud Klister, Fr. Bob Kollath, Sr. Annette Koss, David Manley, Mary Zuleger, and Mary Pribbenow. Sr. Carol Haanen also joined us.

We began the meeting by reading and reflecting on Sunday's second reading from Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

### **Art and Environment**

Sr. Carol Haanen presented and led a discussion about Art and Environment.

She has met with the members of the Art and Environment committee who work in the space at Kimberly and will be spending time with those who work enhancing the Darboy church.

Two questions we should ask when discussing the art and environment of our worship spaces are how well do we communicate with our community and how well do we communicate with our priest? Fr. Bob is the major liturgist at Holy Spirit. Understanding the structures we have to work with makes a difference. Principles such as dark against light, heavy stuff on the bottom, where do we find Jesus (in the people, in the word, in the tabernacle). Where do your eyes go? Things should not be a barrier to the altar, or the ambo...decorations shouldn't take away from where the focus should be. We don't want things to be a barrier to prayer.

There is an issue in the Kimberly space with using real plants...we don't have daylight. High quality fake plants may be a better buy; we may get a better bang for the buck.

The theology shifts over the years. Example: After Vatican II, the risen Jesus was to be placed on the cross, but that's not where Jesus is, so now we have the push for the corpus on the cross.

The architecture changes. Priests were wearing stoles on the outside of their vestments in 2000, but shortly after that, priests began wearing their stoles on the inside. Things change!

Sr. Carol was most impressed with our Art and Environment committee. She said they shared with each other, challenged each other, listened to one another, and communicated well. Kimberly and Darboy spaces are very different to work within and enhance.

### **Music**

All of the music is planned beginning with Advent through Lent! The next schedule for cantors is almost done. The song list and psalms will be sent to those musicians and cantors. Thanks to the music sub-committee for great work!

Missals will be switched out the Sunday before Thanksgiving...an announcement will be made asking people to help switch the missals on Christ the King Sunday Nov. 19. Sr. Annette will make the announcement and contact some people ahead of time to lead those who will switch out the missals.

### **Advent**

~Dec. 5-Evening of Reflection set up by the Stewardship Committee. "Slow Down for Jesus" is the title, the speaker is unknown, and there seems to be some confusion about whether or not this is actually happening. Fr. Bob will clarify and let us know.

~350 Sunday Pocket missals have been ordered and will be offered for \$5 – this missal covers the entire liturgical year.

~Sr. Annette will publish a copy of available resources in the bulletin. Resources such as Give us this Day, the Magnificat, The Word Among Us, retreats at the two local retreat centers, and a collection of aps will be included for parishioner information.

### **Thoughts on an Advent focus**

We brainstormed the following ideas and thoughts after reading the scriptures for Advent this year:

~Joyful waiting in hope.

~The coming of Christ at Christmas time and the coming of Christ at the end of time.

~God's holy mountain—everyone should come to Israel to learn right praise—Israel's mission is to show the rest of the world how to go about right praise. Is the mountain of the lord the highest mountain in our life?

~Your passions, friendships, instruction—where do we get our meaning and purpose in life. Where do you seek your wisdom from?

~Swords into plowshares.

~Worship of God is the only true ground for peace—God gives without limit...He is true!

~3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday-hope not optimism. Pushes us toward heaven-beyond this world to the transcendent  
Be patient, don't complain, John the Baptist.

~4<sup>th</sup> Sunday-slave, his will belongs entirely to Christ.

The committee chose "**God's Holy Mountain**" as the focus for Advent 2016. Fr. Bob and Sr. Annette will inform the staff about this focus, so that all of the parish uses it throughout the season of Advent (in their publications, promotions, etc. If the speaker comes on December 5, someone needs to let he or she know what our parish Advent focus is.

Sr. plans to promote breaking open the word and inviting parishioners to read scripture during Advent with a two minute announcement at mass on the weekend of November 12-13.

### **Mission Statement Review**

Here is our revised mission statement:

**The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee, through careful study, reflection, and prayer, helps to foster growth in the prayer and worship life of Holy Spirit Parish. The committee provides direction for seasonal planning and gives assistance to the pastor.**

### **Miscellaneous**

The Social concerns committee will be handling the Harvest Tree. The Harvest Tree contains tags which parishioners take. They purchase the particular gift card or donate the cash requested on the tag and return it to the parish. The committee then purchases real food and makes meals to serve at Homeless Connections. Several agencies are partnered with throughout the year. Lisa Thiry heads this group and they have done a wonderful job being Jesus' hands and feet to the hungry and homeless in our communities.

### **Committee Membership**

We had a discussion about membership on the worship committee. The current make-up of the committee includes four staff members and two persons not on staff. We talked about bringing in a person from environment, or someone from hospitality. Most of the discussion centered on the ministry of hospitality. We don't have a hospitality committee, but could maybe start with ushers and identify what we want ushers to do? Will they greet or just be ushers? Ministers of hospitality? We need to gather the ushers. Sr. and Fr. will organize an ushers meeting.

**Agenda Items for December**

~Assess Advent, plan for Christmas, continue discussion around ushers and ministry of hospitality, and review the worship committee budget.

**The next meeting of the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee will be held on Thursday Dec. 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center library.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary V. Pribbenow