

SAINT MARY PARISH, MILTON

Liturgy Commission Meeting

January 11, 2011

Minutes

I. Prayer

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with a prayer led by Angie McNally.

Present: Bob Berger, Angie McNally, Pat Starr, Ron Kaiser

Excused: Father Jim Uppena, Gretchen Geist

II. Minutes of the November 9, 2010 Meeting

The report of the short “non-meeting” was accepted. After a short discussion of the rosary issue it was pointed out that we are waiting for more research from Father regarding the reciting of the rosary before mass.

III. Discussion/Decision

A. Evaluation: Advent/Christmas 2010

- Pat indicated that there were many positive comments regarding the use of the red Christmas lights. The one problem seemed to be the lack of a working microphone for the readers at the 4:00 Mass in the Center. We all agreed that it should have been tested that morning to be sure it was working.

B. Church Etiquette Issues and Solutions

- Regarding the attire issue at Mass - Pat noticed that one of the points in the New Years homily was the importance of “what is in your heart, not on how you look”---does this contradict our commission’s emphasis on “correct” church attire?
- Ron suggested setting up an ad hoc committee to review the categories that Bob presented at the October meeting and how we should proceed. Bob suggested we have one member of each parish commission be on that committee. (parish council, justice, liturgy, etc)
- We decided it might be a good place to start with just the various Mass ministers by adding the suggestions to the brochures that we give to the various ministries. We, as ministers, should set the good example first before “pushing” them on the assembly. Ron suggested a box in the Gathering Space for the assembly to add their own suggestions—broad enough not to specify a particular priority such as proper attire.

C. Implementation of the New Roman Missal

- Angie mentioned the music workshop coming up later this month and February for music planners, liturgists, priests, etc regarding “Music and the Roman Missal”.

IV. **New Business**

A. Planning for Lent/Easter 2011

- Ash Wednesday is March 9 and Easter is April 24 this year.
- Music for the Triduum will be discussed and planned by Angie, Gretchen, and Bob. Angie said the choral arrangements for the song to be used each Sunday in Lent will arrive this week.
- Regarding environment - Angie will check to be sure that Connie has the “Lenten focus” information and that she attends the February liturgy meeting.
- Pat and Angie mentioned the dark and light themes at the beginning weeks of Lent from the focus and suggested a grey or black scheme heading towards the light of the Resurrection.

B. Preparation of the FY2012 Budget

- Bob suggested we replace the piano bench as it constantly squeaks every time you move. Angie has tried tightening it and Bob has tried baby powder, both to no avail. If it can't be repaired it should be replaced, preferably with one that has a cushion.
- Bob brought up the “behind the altar banner” that we had discussed at previous meetings. It needs to be reviewed as it was suggested originally to be used during ordinary time and that time is here. Angie will check to see if there was money already available for that from memorials rather than as a budget issue.

V. **Task Assignments for Next Meeting (February 8, 2011)**

Chair: Fr. Uppena
Recorder: Angie
Prayer: Bob

VI. **Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**