

Date: 10/11/22

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: AMR

Present Members: Karen O'Rourke, Amelia Reesor, Jerry Passafiume, Tonja Logsdon, Maranda Sanderfer, Erin Hartman, and Nathan Hadsall

Present Staff: Father Adam, Kristina Weber, and Patrick Parris

Present Guests: Cindy Robinson

Absent: Ally Sanderfer and Samantha Bowling

Opening Prayer

- Previous Minutes – Approved without changes, but on review:
 - Altar Server Coordinator
 - The committee is still in need of someone to serve as coordinator of the Altar Server ministry.
 - Several names were put forth as possibilities (Emily Gregory, Chris Gregory, Joe Krebs) and Father Adam volunteered to approach them about serving in this role.
 - In the meantime, Ally Sanderfer and Erin will coordinate a training in November for the students who signed up to become altar servers at the Open House last month. Ally and Erin will set a date and post in October 24th's bulletin to advertise. Direct contact will be made with the students who previously signed up.
 - Healing Mass
 - The first Healing Mass in October was lightly attended, but went well overall.
 - The next Healing Mass will be held on Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM. We will attempt to promote this Mass more heavily to promote greater attendance/participation.
 - Increased Number of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Father Adam has received a great deal of feedback on various aspects of the distribution of Communion and he is confident that the best system is in place.
 - Patrick reported that the Ordos, Lectionaries, and other materials have been ordered, but not everything has arrived yet.
- Updated Ministry Guides
 - The Committee reviewed the updated ministry guides for EHMCS, Hospitality, and Sacristans. Some specific points that were addressed:
 - When the EHMC returns to the altar with the ciborium after taking communion to parishioners in the back pews, that minister should bow to Father after giving him the ciborium and then immediately return to

his/her seat. The minister does not need to wait until Father returns the ciborium to the tabernacle.

- Father Adam would prefer if the sacristan or hospitality minister would physically go with the EHC to the back of the church to identify the parishioners who need to receive Communion. Alternatively, either the sacristan or hospitality minister needs to be available in the back to point out parishioners so that no one is overlooked.
- For Hospitality ministers – if anyone attending Mass has a mobility limitation, there are two canes, a wheelchair, and a foldable walker located in the sacristy that can be offered for the duration of the mass. The foldable walker is stored in the servers' closet.
- Sacristans should make a special note of the instructions in the ministry guide regarding how to divide the hosts between the three patens.
- Additionally, ministers taking Communion to the homebound or parishioners wanting to take Communion to loved ones will approach sacristans before Mass to get the necessary number of hosts placed in a pyx. The sacristan will then put the pyx in the paten to be consecrated with the rest of the hosts. Father will call these individuals forward to take their pyxes after closing prayer but before the end of Mass.
 - This will also be a visual reminder to the entire congregation to keep in prayer those members of our community who cannot be with us.
- Father Adam also requests that patens be held one per hand and not stacked on top of each other when carrying them.
 - Father Adam made a few revisions following the meeting and sent the finalized guides out on October 13th for coordinators to send out to their ministers.
- Yes to Life Bulletin Insert (October 22nd and 29th)
 - Father Adam's homily will align with this topic the weekend that the insert appears in the bulletin.
 - His homily will not address who to vote for, but will focus on the issue of abortion and the sanctity of life.
- Advent First Reconciliation Service – November 30, 2022
 - Tasha Gordon approached Patrick and Karen for the Worship Committee's assistance with this service. She is particularly interested in having help with directing the second-grade students participating in the sacrament and assisting with line management.
 - The Committee believed that this role sounds like something that would be appropriate for a second-grade parent or parents, or perhaps parents of the Confirmandi who will also be assisting with the service.
 - Alec is coordinating the Confirmandi youth's participation in the service.
 - Patrick will take the Committee's recommendation back to Tasha.
- Music Ministry Update – Kristina
 - Kristina has accepted the position of Director of Music at St. Martha's parish. Her first weekend with them will be November 5th/6th.

- Ascension has now posted a opening for Director of Worship and Music. Jerome Pascua is assisting with the hiring process and Father Adam is also receiving assistance from Dr. Karen Shadle with the Archdiocese's Office of Worship.
- The position will hopefully be full-time, but Father Adam is open to making it a scaleable role so that individuals who are interested in the posting but not able to commit to full-time will not be intimidated from applying.
- Kristina is committed to making this transition is smooth as possible and we thank her for her many years of service to Ascension and wish her all the best in this new endeavor!
- Pastor's Update
 - In lieu of the usual committee meetings in December, Father Adam invites everyone to an All-Committees Social on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. More details will follow soon!
- Other Discussion
 - Advent decorations will be set-up on either November 25th or 26th. Maranda will decide on an exact time and let the committee know.

Closing Blessing

Next Meeting: November 8th, 6:30 PM, AMR

**Father Adam will be absent from next month's meeting, as he will be attending a Theology of the Body conference.