

Date: 04/11/23

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: AMR

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

Present Staff: Father Adam, Robert Garbarz, and Patrick Parris

Absent: Ally Sandefer, Maranda Sandefer and Jerry Passafiume

**\*Housekeeping Note: I put in bold those items that we discussed changing or adding to next year's Holy Week/Easter celebrations for easier reference.**

### Opening Prayer

- Previous Minutes – Approved without changes
- Welcome back, Flynn!
  - Flynn's main role is to prepare for sacred liturgy, clean-up, etc. He will be present mostly on weekends and for weddings, funerals, etc.
- Review of Holy Week and Easter:
  - Décor, Palms, Paschal Candle, Flowers
    - Good reviews generally.
    - **The flags used for Palm Sunday caused some confusion. Father had the flags flipped inside out to hide the dove/not confuse it with Pentecost, but people noticed and thought this was a mistake. Father might either address this decision directly next year or just put the flags up the normal way.**
  - Palm Sunday
    - **Processional – May be useful to sing the song for a longer period of time in the gym before beginning the procession or process a lap in the gym before going outside to give people more time to learn the song.** Alternately, we could consider strategically placed speakers along the processional.
    - There was a question on how many times to sing the antiphon for Palm Sunday, but no guidance is given in the missal.
    - There was also concern about when the palms should be distributed, as it seems that most are taken before the palms are actually blessed. However, the missal states that the palms should be collected by the congregation prior to the blessing.
    - All Passion readings went well. The group liked having the lectors positioned in the back of the church and the lectors present at the meeting agreed that the printed versions of the readings, which Robert copied from the hymnal, were well done.
    - **There is not a lectionary in the choir's hymnals, so will need to provide copies of the Passion reading to choir members next year.**

- **Better direction needed for how to gather in the gym before the processional. The gospel reading could take place caddy corner to the door to pull people further into the gym. Two additional hospitality ministers could be useful as well.**
- Many pews are empty of hymnals. We may need to order some more hymnals before Holy Week next year.
- Wednesday - Tenebrae
  - Father was very impressed by the turnout. Props to Katie for getting out a social media push to help encourage attendance.
  - **Suggestion that a person be placed in the back of church to slowly lower the lights along with the candles being put out.**
  - **Suggestion that a cantor remain on the mic for all songs.**
  - **Suggestion to eliminate the use of a worship aid for this service.**
  - LG&E may be able to kill the parking lot light for the service.
  - Starting the strepitus went well, but the cessation is also important.
  - **No lectors were originally assigned for this service – need to make sure that Tenebrae is added to MSP.**
  - **Lectors also requested that the readings be placed in a binder.**
- Holy Thursday
  - **There will be a script for the presentation of the oils next year – there may be something in a sacramentary supplement that can be used.**
  - There was some issue matching up music with the appropriate moment during the presentation of the oils. Various suggestions were offered on how to improve this.
  - **Need to make sure that we ask for people to present the oils and for those participating in the foot washing in advance of Holy Thursday. There were several people from Parish Council that Father believed were attending to have their feet washed, but they did not arrive, so we will try to pin down people definitively.**
  - Adoration went the best it has ever gone and the transfer went well.
  - There was some discrepancy in the closing song. Jerome was singing one song in sanctuary while those in the AMR were singing something else.
  - **Suggestion to use candlelight in the AMR, it seemed too bright with the room's lights. The sanctuary also seemed too bright. There was some discussion of next year dimming the sanctuary lights either at the start of the liturgy of the Eucharist or immediately before the transfer.**
  - **Suggestion to place a kneeler in the AMR.**
  - The tabernacle can be placed on a table that can be altered to be taller or we could also use the black boxes on top of one of the AMR tables with an altar cloth over them.
  - Father liked how the altar cloths were incorporated.
- Good Friday
  - **There was still some confusion on when to kneel during the Adoration of the cross. It was not clear in the worship aid. The decision for next**

**year is that all kneel during the Adoration of the cross, stand at the start of the veneration, and then people can sit when they return to the pew after they have venerated the cross.**

- Holy Saturday
  - The congregation was not as substantial as Father had hoped. It was the least attended of the Easter weekend Masses. This may have had something to do with Spring Break.
  - There was a suggestion that some catechesis on the Triduum and the Vigil could be useful – perhaps something similar to what Katie and Father put out for Tenebrae.
  - **It was agreed that if we are doing all 7 readings next year, we will need four lectors. If we have someone entering the Church, we will not be doing all 7 readings.**
  - **There was some confusion over the Triple Alleluia. Next year, we will do just the Triple Alleluia and no separate Gospel acclamation. The worship aid will have a note to instruct the congregation when to stand and to let people know that there will be an extended Gospel procession.**
  - **Details to be inserted into worship aid:**
    - **When people need to light their candles from the Paschal candles.**
    - **Litany of the Saints**
    - **Instructions for what to do during the activity around the baptismal font.**
- Easter Sunday
  - Not many people sat in the overflow areas.
  - There were questions on why Father did not give the homily and the simple answer is that he wanted to give Deacon John the opportunity to preach Easter Sunday.
- General Notes for Lent/Holy Week/Easter:
  - Use of instruments in Music Ministry during Lent: Robert did not want to make any very drastic changes this year, but the general consensus among the committee was that we should pull back on the use of instruments during the Lenten season.
  - More generally, it was discussed that Robert would either put more of an emphasis on Thursday choir rehearsals or move pre-Mass rehearsals to a different space in the school before entering the sanctuary to cut back on the rehearsal taking place immediately before the start of Mass.
  - **There were not enough lectors schedule for Holy Thursday or Good Friday. Need to be aware that MSP's default settings don't actually match with our real needs for these Masses.**
- Pastor's Update
  - The chalice will return on the Feast of Corpus Christi (June 11<sup>th</sup>). Father hopes to have two ministers with the chalice.

- The chalice will not return to daily Mass.
  - Father also suggested not using the chalice during Ordinary Time and the committee generally agreed. It was thought that some catechesis will be needed on progressive solemnity.
- The Disciple Maker Index surveys are being studied and the results will be passed on to the receiving team soon.
- Round Table
  - Erin will get with Flynn on the servers and her conversation with Principal Mullaney.
  - Amelia will follow up with Father, Patrick, Robert, and Flynn regarding the Eucharistic Ministers who need to renew their mandates.
  - Tonya had no updates on Hospitality, but there was a question on how to handle specific collections for special events/occasions, and Father thought that setting out the basket was sufficient.
  - Patrick may have lighter attendance at these meetings going forward.

Closing Blessing

Next Meeting: April Meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, AMR