

St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee

September 3, 2024 Approved Minutes

Members in Attendance: Jim Newhouse, Father Robert Chinnapan, Karen Court, Kelly Bekkers-Graham, Ron Koepke, Addy Peterson, Joel Powers, Vicky Wolf

Members not Present: Glenda Saylor.

Meeting came to order at 6:34PM.

Opening Prayer: Father Robert led the opening prayer.

Review of last meeting minutes: Motion was made by Vicky Wolf to accept and seconded by Ron Koepke.

Review of agenda: Motion to accept was made by Karen Court and seconded by Joel Powers.

Old Business:

Grandparents and Elderly Weekend celebration is set for this coming weekend after all masses. A luncheon will be served.

Piano: Nikki is working to get it cleaned but finding there are not many, if any, people who still do this. Anne did do some cleaning, and the two sticky buttons/keys are working OK for now. Vicky knows a piano tuner and will check to see if he can clean electric pianos or know someone who can do it.

Missals: We received Finance Committee approval to replace the missals. We have had them for 10 years which was the expected life expectancy and many of the 400 missals are in need of repair. Anne Thelen is securing copies of possible missals that the Choir and music committee can review for best source to then be approved by Father /and Parish Council.

New Business:

Advent: Advent begins on December 1. The committee reviewed Advent booklet samples to determine which to hand out to our parishioners. We decided on the "Christ Our Light" booklet. We will add a white Christmas Candle to the Christmas Wreath this year. Addy will determine the best way to add it to the middle of the wreath. We could use some old Easter Candles since they are white. We will need to schedule someone to light it for the Christmas masses since it will be elevated, and we need to ensure safety. Also, we need to talk to Bob Schommer about hanging the advent wreath before Deer Hunting starts.

All Soul's Day – Mass be on Nov. 2nd. There will be a scroll with all deceased members of the parish from this year (same as done last year). Addy will ask Shannon Helms if she will make the scroll again this year. The parish office will ask those families that have lost a family member to determine who will be attending. At mass, we will have one candle for every person that passed away this last year; it will be placed at their grave. If a family member is not able to attend, we will have someone else carry it out to place it on the grave, however, we need to ensure they know where the gravestone is. Father Jim will be officiating the service, he is having hip issues – he will do the prayers in church so he limits his need to walk to the cemetery.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Thursday, November 21st. There is no special planning required by our committee.

Thanksgiving mass will be on November 28th. Addy will arrange for decorations.

Christmas. The big tree used for decoration needs to be replaced. We discussed the replacement, and the committee decided to do three smaller trees – so no need to purchase another big tree. A request will be put in the bulletin to see if someone will donate a smaller tree or ask for donations.

Pet Blessing: This is normally done on Saint Francis feast day of October 4th. Father will talk with Abby Linwood to determine if this will be done again this year.

Rosary in October: We will be doing the Rosary before each mass in October. Jim will talk with Doris Schuh to see if she will coordinate it this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Closing Prayer: Father led the closed the prayer.

Next Meetings:

*Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:30 PM

*Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted by

Vicky Wolf