

Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
November 4, 2024

Members in Attendance: Jim Newhouse, Karen Court, Kelly Bekkers-Graham, Joel Powers and Vicky Wolf

Members not Present: Fr. Robert Chinnapan, Glenda Sayler and Ron Koepke

Meeting came to order at 6:34PM.

Opening Prayer: Jim led the opening prayer.

Review of last meeting minutes: Motion was made by Karen Court to accept as corrected and seconded by Kelly Bekkers-Graham.

Review of agenda: Motion to accept was made by Vicky Wolf and seconded by Karen Court.

Old Business:

Piano: Jim obtained a contact and confirm it is OK to reach out to them. Nikki will reach out to them to determine if they can clean/repair our piano.

Missal replacement: Work continues to find replacement of missals however progress is slow due to availability of people. Jim has two sample missals and will bring to Kelly, Anne and Shannon to review. Once a replacement has been identified, it will be submitted for approval by Father and Parish Council.

Rosary in October: Everything worked well for the Rosary in October. There were a few times the rosary started early and we need to ensure next year to have the Rosary start as communicated.

Advent: Advent begins on December 1; the advent wreath and candles will be put up before the weekend masses. For adding the Christmas candle this year, Jim brought sample lanterns for the committee to rank on preference. The committee ranked their top three. Jim will talk with the parish office staff to rank their top three also. Father will make the final decision based on the feedback. When hanging the wreath and new lantern, ensure it is high enough so it doesn't get hit by the cross as the altar server enter/leave for mass. Also, there will be battery operated flickering candle placed in the lantern with a remote to turn it on/off. We cannot use a real candle without glass around it; also, there is a risk of falling to light/extinguish for each mass.

The placement of the advent candles on the pews was discussed and the committee recommends to put them on the pews as they did last year. In prior years, two were placed on the chairs up front and it was decided that it could be a fire hazard since the chairs are easily moved; so we should avoid putting them there.

All Soul's Day: Mass was on November 2nd. Overall everything went well. A few improvements for next year

- Confusion at the end of mass – there was no closing song which Monseigneur announced. It was to transition right to the all souls service. Next year we need to have better notes for how the transition so it gets announced correctly.
- The letter that is sent to the families needs to be enhanced to add about standing in front holding the candle after their loved one's name is called.
- The candles were lit as the names were called; the committee agreed it would be better to light them all at the beginning of the service. We liked how the candles were placed in the shape of a cross.

Christmas trees for decorating our Church: Adee went through the trees with Paul and we have the trees needed to decorate the church this year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Some discussion was held about the process for assigning Extraordinary Ministers. A reminder needs to be given to sacristans not to get/give out necklaces until announcements start unless they know of an open position in the MSP app. Since Father was not at the meeting, this needs to be discussed at the next meeting. Also, similar discussion is needed about altar servers.

New Business:

Decorating for Christmas. Adee will have a team to decorate the church the first week of December. Suggestion was made to have the manger empty and have Mary/Joseph come up the center aisle through Advent. However, a concern was raised that the statues could be accidentally knocked over. Jim will discuss with Adee and Father.

The ribbon on the advent wreath will need to be changed to white on Christmas. Jim will check with Mary Jochman about it.

St Nicholas Feast Day Mass. St Nicholas Feast day is December 6th. Jim will check with Father to determine if there will be a school mass on that day.

Minutes for December meeting. Vicky will not be able to attend the December meeting. Karen volunteered to take minutes at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Closing Prayer: Jim led the closing the prayer.

Next Meetings:

*Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

*Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Vicky Wolf