

Liturgy Committee Meeting
Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria
Thursday, March 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Present: Luke VanOverbeke, Father Matthew Kuhn, Jody Koubsky, Janice Doebber, Kathy Fischer, Bonnie Broman, Mary Gorghuber, Kevin Gorghuber, Sue McCulloch, Char Hanson, Grace Lambert, and Carol Gaffaney. Absent: Dawn Houska, Dave Reller, Michele Neale, Erin Takle, and Bill Verschaetse.

1. Scripture and Prayer – Led by Luke VanOverbeke.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting – The minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting were approved.
3. Liturgist's Update
 - Luke noted that the second Thursday in April (the committee's normal meeting date) will be Holy Thursday. It was decided to move the Liturgy committee's meeting in April to Thursday, April 21st.
 - Discussion on the Bylaws. The following points were made:
 - There isn't a Youth representative on the Liturgy Committee at this time; a student(s) could be named to the committee.
 - Eucharistic Adoration should be added to the list of committee membership.
 - Should an AV/Technology representative be added?
 - Do we need to be more definitive on the length of term for members?
 - Organizational Chart. After discussion, it was the consensus of the members to change the name of "Ministry Captains" on the organizational chart to "Contact People" or "Point of Contact."
4. Pastor's Update – There are a few new altar servers. It was suggested to put together a list of the duties of altar servers, as that might help in recruiting more volunteers. Questions have come up about what is expected of altar servers and how often they serve.
5. Ministry Updates and Needs
 - Lectors – Char said that Michele has shared a Lector Procedures Sheet with lectors. It will be updated to include the procedural changes that occur when the deacon is assisting in the mass.
 - EMHC – Kevin said ten people volunteered to become (or return to being) an EMHC. More people are still needed, especially to be able to offer the Precious Blood again. Current plans are to offer the Precious Blood at Confirmation, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. The following people volunteered to find EMHCs for Holy Week and Easter: Holy Thursday - Sue McCulloch, Easter Vigil - Mary Gorghuber, Easter Sunday 8am - Kevin Gorghuber, and Easter Sunday - Kathy Fischer.
 - Greeters and Hospitality – Grace said a training session would be helpful for Greeters and Hospitality now that the pandemic restrictions have been relaxed. She stressed the need to arrive 30 minutes before the mass and to be sure to cover all the areas (the hospitality desks, greeting at both sets of doors into the church).
 - Social/Training Night(s) – It was suggested to hold a Social/Training Night to refresh procedures with our ministry volunteers. Two or three date options should be offered to accommodate people's schedules, as well as for people who serve in more than one ministry area. The week of May 15th was suggested for the Social/Training Nights.
 - Sacristans – Nothing to report.
 - Eucharistic Adoration – Nothing to report.

- Children's Liturgy of the Word – Not offered at this time.
 - Art and Environment – Bonnie said the church will be decorated for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 9th. Decorating will continue throughout the following week for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. She noted she did not get gnarly oak branches this year due to the deep snow.
 - Music – There was discussion about the music scheduled during Lent.
6. Lent/Easter 2022. There was a request for directions for the ushers for Palm Sunday, Holy Week services and Easter. Luke asked if a couple people would meet with him to go over procedures for Holy Week and Easter.
 7. The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be April 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
 8. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with prayer.

Submitted by:
Carol Gaffaney