

The Church of Saint Mary
Liturgy Committee Meeting

November 14, 2024

6:30-8:00 pm

Present: Jody Koubsky, Bill Verschaetse, Fr. Fred Fink, Bonnie Broman, Grace Lambert, Char Hanson, Stephanie Rutten-Ramos, Kevin Gorghuber, Deacon Tony Pasko, Sue McCulloch, Tammy Huss, Luke VanOverbeke, Fr. Matthew Kuhn

Not present: Erin Takle, Fr. Dan Ruprecht, Adrian Panther

- I. **Opening Prayer** led by Fr. Fred Fink
- II. **Open Forum:** Stephanie Rutten-Ramos lead group in the beginning process of developing a vision statement for our liturgy committee. Divided into 4 groups and discussed:

Who is the Liturgy committee? What do we do as a liturgy committee?

Why do we exist? What does a successful and effective liturgy committee look like?

Stephanie will summarize our comments and will continue to work on vision statement next meeting.

- III. **Calendar update:** Luke VanOverbeke reviewed calendar for Masses for Thanksgiving and other feast days in December. There will not be an ecumenical service the night before Thanksgiving as several ministers out of town. Luke also working on communal penance service during Lent.

IV. **Ministry needs and Parishoner experiences.**

Training updates Luke met with EM's last week. Planning to meet with sacristans and hospitality in the coming weeks.

EMHC interactions with non-recipients of communion. At this time the diocese does not have a policy for how EMs are to handle non-recipients who come up for a blessing. Bishop Neary will be having meetings to develop a policy for the diocese. For now, Fr. Matthew asked that the EM's say "Jesus loves you very much" Luke will communicate this to the EM's.

Bylaws-Role of Secretary and review of changes. Kevin Gorghuber resigned as secretary. Going forward this will be a shared duty. Sue McCulloch, Grace Lambert, and Tammy Huss will take turns recording minutes at the meetings.

Parishoner experiences. Kevin shared that there have been a lot of positive comments about the Chris Stefanick presentation. Several people came from surrounding parishes.

- V. **Priest updates** Fr. Matthew did not have any updates at this time.
- VI. **Education Piece** Luke lead discussion on Chapter 1 of What is Liturgy. Adrian will present Chapter 2 The Liturgy of the Word at our next meeting.
- VII. **Goals** continue to work on vision statement. Stephanie gave examples of vision statements for other organizations, usually just a one sentence statement.
- VIII. **Recap and closing prayer**- Adrian Panther was assigned closing prayer for next month.

Fr. Fred lead us in closing prayer – Night Time Prayer of St. Augustine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Grace Lambert