**Liturgy Committee Notes**

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Present: Anne Bennof, Allan Theall, John Mountcastle, Don D’Valle, Margie D’Valle, Pat Campbell

Excused: Amber Zepp, Alyssa Smith, Sara Caporaletti

1. Prayer – used “Opening of Vatican II” Prayer
2. Formation – not all had read the paragraphs suggested for today’s meeting. Pat will send these out again and add another paragraph or two. Please read for the October meeting.
3. Update on Deacon Cliff – he is stepping back from Liturgy Committee and putting focus on families with young children. He has “passed the torch” to Pat, so you will need to expect emails about upcoming meetings from her. He is still willing to give feedback and wants to be kept in the loop.
4. Calendar – Note the time for the evening Mass on November 1 – as we “test” the 6:30 start time. Dcn Cliff is in conversation with Kate, who will speak at all the Masses October 5/6 about Respect Life Month. Still not clear on whether or not Rel Ed and/or K of C are planning the Saint Costume Context around the evening Mass. Pat will speak with Joanne Wozniak.
5. Review and Update of Open Action Items
   1. Ministry to Families with Young Children – pew cards are out, Dcn Cliff working with homilists to address children, push emails are going out Weds. about upcoming Sunday readings.
   2. EMHC handbook and small changes – still a work in progress, but overall improvement. Servers need to learn to clear the credence table as Communion procession goes on. Perhaps reminder from deacons or priests would help?
   3. Advent wreath/stand – has been approved and should arrive in time for the season.
   4. Allan present for today’s meetings. He and Lizanne Kile will split responsibilities for attending committee meetings. Wonderful!
   5. John working on usher lead and finding that we are in need of ushers at all Masses. Committee discussion is that we will work on this ministry as our Action Item – need more people to be involved, want to find out is new “Welcome” greeters can be trained to help the ushers, need ideas and guidelines for getting more active people in this ministry – especially at the noon Mass. This is true for ALL ministries at the noon Mass. Counting people, counting collection, inviting people to bring forward the gifts – perhaps this last one could be taken by the greeters. Saturday we had about 15 Confirmandi, yet the ushers carried up the gifts and they do this every week.
6. Round Robin –
   1. Margie will let Pat know about the book suggested for Pastoral Ministers. Pat will be ordering “Lector Workbook” for our parish lectors in the next couple of weeks. Is this the right resource for homebound people? Margie will let her know.
   2. Pat asks that all consider joining in an “ad hoc” planning meeting for the Advent season. She suggests this as a way to devote some time to one subject and to involve other interested people – beyond the committee itself –in the process. Pat will check with Sara to find an available evening or Sunday after the last Mass and will issue an invitation to liturgy committee members and to others who might be interested. A chance for formation about Advent and looking at what we might be able to do to highlight the season. Perhaps there will be someone among the interested who could be responsible for scheduling Advent wreath candle lighters? Hope to do this before our next meeting.
   3. Sara and Liturgical Arts put up their new Ordinary Time banner. This was not brought up at the meeting. Pat would like to share that Fr. Mike mentioned it in his homily at the noon Mass and commented to her later in the day that it is lovely. He had heard no comments or questions through the day. Thank you, Sara.
   4. Pat shared that the Welcome Committee/Rebuilt Committee let her know that they plan to hand out 4 x 6 cards with an invitation to people to join the welcome ministry. They said they might need to ask ushers to help them and Pat replied that it might be that the ushers at some Masses could be using their help with the work of ushering. Anyway, this invitation will be handed out September 28/29 at all Masses.
7. Closing Prayer – led by Don.

**Action Before Next Meeting**:

**All** – Read the Formation paragraphs for the next meeting. Think about Advent Ad Hoc involvement. Ask people about Usher Ministry for next meeting.

**Pat** – find out if November 1 Saint Costume idea will happen. Order Lector Workbooks.

**NEXT MEETING** – Sunday, October 27, 9:10 – 10:10 a.m., Music Room – B122 (Pat apologized for the incorrect room number in invitation for September meeting.)

FUTURE MEETINGS: Nov. 24/Dec. 29/Jan. 26/Feb. 23/March 29/April 26/May 31