

January 13, 2006

MINUTES, Worship Core Team

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

PRESENT: Karen Brandstetter, Dick Neidhard, Scot Buzza, Brian Volck, Mark RingswaldEgan, Marilyn Kaiser, Mike Marchal (Unable to come: Bob Leugers, Carmil O'Connor)

REPORTING: Richard Bollman

1. SUNDAY PLANNING. We reviewed liturgical sign-up process. All reports are good right now. The office says that the 11:00 lists worked well being handled through the office. Sign-ups are in place now through June 1. New solicitation, of new ministers only, shall take place in May.

IN APRIL, then, we might start to push for teen-age readers to come forward. We agreed that teenage talent is out there, and for reading ministry, Confirmation is not necessary. For communion ministry, we ask that a teen be confirmed.

Though we did conduct training for new communion ministers, not all of them showed up. There was no new training for new readers. Richard was asked to call Michael Sparough to repeat his training in the fall. (I have e-mailed Michael about this). We all remembered that event, over a year ago, with satisfaction, and it did promote good changes in our readers.

2. ADVENT CHRISTMAS review.

Everyone present spoke from the liturgies they had attended, reaching back through Advent, and there was much positive to say. Learning from years past, we have evolved a competent and well-planned approach to these seasons that had a beautiful build-up toward Midnight Mass. Much comment on the musical effects, the bells and instruments, that night, and the musicianship in the morning.

Christmas morning readers, though they were on deck and ready to go, were not always effective in terms of volume, especially with the big crowd at 11:00. We felt we need to RECRUIT readers with bigger voices for that Mass especially since it is frequently crowded with guests.

The Blue Books for Advent were missed by some of the parishioners. We decided to make certain that the Black Books for Lent will be here for everyone. (Karen has made contact on this.)

3. MINISTRY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

People shared stories about positive response to the Advent Sundays. Brian noted

that there is a committee set up to review those commitments, along with the Christmas mass for children. Scot noted that presider language for children, about the birthday of Jesus, is not really accurate, and distorts the continuing reality of Christ's birth, sending the wrong message to kids. The Gospel as we did it this year is preferable, we concluded, to the "bedtime story" approach of recent years. It was good that young people were involved as readers.

#### 4. LENT AND EASTERTIME

The needs are for music coordination and the recruitment of good readers and homilists. We surfaced some names for homilists, and observed also that people from previous years can also be approached. Richard will work from the names we gave to him.

We also generated a short list of people who might join the Core Team, especially from the 7 o'clock congregation. Richard will follow up.

We need to try a new way to black out the lights from our front door at the Easter Vigil: we will try to find a tension rod of sufficient length to help a shaded or drape.

Richard declared we need to have a narthex SIGN-UP for ministry help at the evening mass on Ash Wednesday.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., in the Jesuit Residence