

St. John Vianney Parish  
Prayer and Worship Committee Minutes  
April 12, 2010

Members Present

Jill Fischer – Parishioner – Vice Chair	Dave Sanders – Director of Liturgy & Music
Bill Beres – Altar Servers – Secretary	Mary Lopez – Eucharistic Ministers
Bob Reddin – Lectors	Kathy Bell – Parish Council Liaison
Marlene Dutton – Parishioner	Tom Pellowski – Hospitality
Joni Schmanski – Parishioner – Liturgy Coordinator	

Members Absent

Joe Pottebaum – Cantors/Choir – Chairman	Mary Ann Davel - Environment
Mary Niebler – Sacristans	Matt Lawrenz – Asst. Director of Liturgy & Music
Tom Pellowski – Hospitality	Dave Ackman – Alternate Cantors/Choir
Bob Ley – Alternate Hospitality	

Other Attendees

Sister Nelda Hernandez	Rose Wegner
Ken Kern	Gaylene Townsley

1. Topics Discussed

- a. The Committee welcomed the new attendees to the meeting who have interest in joining the Prayer and Worship Committee. We shared introductions and proceeded to read the current Committee Guidelines in full, in order to provide the potential new members an understanding of the function and responsibilities of the Committee and to provide background for discussion of the Guidelines.
- b. The Committee discussed certain provisions of the Guidelines for any potential recommended changes. The discussion centered on the number of at-large members and the term of members.
- c. The Committee completed a self evaluation of its performance and held an open discussion on some of the comments.
- d. The new attendees were polled for their decision on joining the Committee.
- e. We briefly discussed the current status of Gift Families.

2. Decisions Made

- a. No decisions required.
- b. The Committee recommended some minor changes, to allow for up to 7 at-large members. The Committee also requested that Kathy raise the matter of participation in other sub-committees of the parish as an officer at the Parish Council meeting.
- c. No decisions required. The following is a brief listing of the comments relative to self-evaluation of the committee.

Matters that went well (discussed at the meeting)

- Formation classes for Liturgical Ministers and Hospitality Ministers that were encouraged by and treated as important by Pastoral and Lay leaders
- Catechesis during Mass and through the orders of worship and bulletins
- Being able to work together as a Committee to address concerns regarding the elimination of the Sunday evening Mass and the ultimate reinstatement of the Mass
- Implementation of First Friday Eucharistic Day and exposure of the Blessed Sacrament
- Good and open communication among the Committee members

Matters that did not work as well or need more work (not discussed at the meeting due to time but listed on forms)

- Being the first year this Committee has been in place for a good number of years we still need to develop how we best interface with the parish membership and meet the Committee goals
- The time spent on the Sunday evening Mass, while extremely important, limited the number of other matters the Committee spent time on

- d. The Committee was very pleased that all four attendees have agreed to join the Prayer & Worship Committee as at-large members.
- e. The current volunteers attempting to schedule gift families are stepping down. Despite significant efforts our parishioners are not stepping up to volunteer. A potential recommendation is to have Hospitality Ministers ask a family at each Mass.

3. Follow-up Work – Person(s) Responsible

- a. No action required.
- b. Committee members should review the attached draft of Guideline changes. Kathy will report on any parish wide changes. A formal approval of revised Guidelines can be completed at our June meeting.
- c. Committee members should review and consider any additional items for discussion at our June meeting.
- d. No action required. We again welcome the new members.
- e. Committee members should develop their thoughts on an approach for Gift Families.

4. Next Meeting and Major Agenda Items

- June 14<sup>th</sup> as part of Common Leadership Night.
- Open items listed in Section 3 above.
- Selection of Committee officers and our Parish Council liaison for the 2010-2011 year.

5. Notes to Parish Council

- Minutes are for council information.
- No special requests of parish council are necessary at this time.