

STA Liturgy Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2011

SAGH, 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Pat Briggs, Susan Clingingsmith, Chris Lundin, Nora Lundin, Bill Mahrt, Micky Martin, Paul Prochaska, Jean Ramacciotti, Fr. Matt Stanley, Fr. Randy Valenton, Kay Williams

Chris called the meeting to order at 9:05. We read together the Psalm of the day's Mass.

Review of agenda/additions:

Evaluation of recent activities:

Taize prayer concluded this past week. Micky spoke positively about having the Taize prayer at OLR so many could go at night. Fr. Matt thanked Fr. Thierry for starting it again. Jean will continue with **Centering Prayer** on Thursday nights at 7 pm at Dermody Center; the series will begin with a Sat Centering Prayer workshop on April 30, 9-12, then every Thursday till first of August.

Chris: the **Scrutinies** have been working out well at OLR. Sue spoke positively about Fr. Peter Seimas explaining what was going on with the laying on of hands at the Scrutinies during Mass.

Paul commented on the **dialogue Gospels**, explaining that Gospels with dialogue parts are best when different voices (male, female) take the parts. Most Masses for Palm Sunday have different readers scheduled for the Passion Gospel voices.

Holy Week review:

Palm Sunday: descriptions of the various processions were shared.

Reconciliation services: First Reconciliations (Sue has 4 persons and Jean has 2 persons) will go first. Chris is doing music at both services; Nora is working on a script.

Seder Meal: reservations required—but everyone is encouraged to come, even without a reservation.

Wednesday Tenebrae: at St. Ann Chapel. Bill says the congregation there is quite small—and they celebrate a high church Protestant service. The Byzantines also have their Wednesday night service at SAG.

Holy Thursday: we have enough feet to wash (24); bi-lingual choir; quiet prayer in hall till 10 pm. Deacon Daniel will lead the night prayer. Fr. Matt likes long processions when there's no time pressure. The Blessed Sacrament will lead the procession. Discussion ensued on how to manage the longer procession to accommodate older participants. Bill Mahrt: at STA the Altar of Repose is set up in the Bride's Room; but they put the ciborium on the side altar for the congregational worship time after the Holy Thursday service, then move the Blessed Sacrament to the Bride's Room.

Good Friday: Pat said it's been nice to have Stations after 8:30 Mass at OLR. Nora is working with presiders on scripts for readings. Fr. Matt is taking care of Morning Prayers.

Easter Vigil: still being refined with Nora, presiders, and others. Deacon's presence means some changes from prior years. Discussion on the singing of the "Exsultet" followed. Micky says Community Life is planning the reception after the Easter Vigil. Nora said Bill can pick up the STA Paschal candle any time after 9:00 p.m. from the SAG sacristy. Final planning meeting for the Easter Vigil is this Wed.; final walk-through is 11:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday at SAG.

Calendar review:

Micky commented on the diocesan priests' study week (**May 9-13**) when all priests are gone at the same time—it seems to her that this study time should be staggered somehow so that at least one priest is left in the parish.

June 25: Corpus Christi, SAG celebration of 50th Anniversary, procession between STA and SAG.

Jean: could we do something special on Pentecost? Fr. Matt said that in other parishes all those who have received a first Sacrament during that Easter season stand and receive a red ribbon in acknowledgement. Jean has scripts of different activities from the past. TMC encourages everyone to wear red. Whit Sunday, according to Bill Mahrt, means "White Sunday", so people would wear the white garment of confirmation. The stole is reserved for priests, according to Matt Stanley.

Jean: needs a sponsor for a blind woman. Fr. Matt suggested Kathleen Dunivan as a potential sponsor, as she sits with Diana, the blind woman, at the noon daily Mass; Diana lives at Opportunity Center. Jean also has a young woman with a young baby who needs a sponsor; she lives in EPA. These sponsors are needed for the 2012 cycle of instruction.

What's On Your Mind:

Paul: Several months ago he was diagnosed with renal failure and has just started on dialysis 3 times a week—gives him time to read. But this means major changes in his work schedule, so he is not able to pursue some initiatives he had in mind.

Bill: Fr. Pius was in auto accident this week, has said Greg masses for them. Fr. Pius is the last of the Hungarians at Woodside Priory; Bill asked for prayers for him.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Hastily compiled on 4/11/11,

Kay Williams