

October 1, 2013

Attendance: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Juan Benitez Hoyos, Father Tim Brown, Drew Desmarais, Laura Gleeson, Terry Keach, Sally Krowl, Gloria Marlett, Augie Misiurewicz, Jeanne Picone, Dave O'Keefe, Wendy O'Keefe, Jeanne Picone, Arlene Reiser, Father Bob Schrader, Sister Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche

Absent: Elaine Becker, Anne Ross

We began the meeting with a Prayer for Peace led by Laura.

Minutes from the September 3 meeting were corrected as follows and approved.

^ Page 1 – under October 19/20 => delete “a speaker” and move “will address ... this cause” to follow Bridget Schumway

^ Page 1 – 2/27 => 26/27

^ page 1 – “... encourage Solidarity *with* the Hispanic

^ page 2 – last line => Sta aura Vicurá => Sta Laura Vicuña and add *Rose of Lima*

Review of Recent Events

Hispanic Culture Month

Terry reported that we will add the Lamb of God in Spanish to our liturgies. We will practice this with the congregation before Mass. Father Bob noted that the pastries have been tasty. This week they will be served at the St Ambrose coffee hour following the 9:45 am Mass.

Parish Picnic

Augie noted that he'd had only one remark about why there was no liturgy celebrated and it was only a query, not a complaint. The event was still well attended.

Catechetical Blessing

Father Bob said that in future we should arrange to have all the catechists present at the same liturgy, sitting in a group, to make a better statement about the importance of this ministry. He felt that catechists felt inhibited to stand when there didn't seem to be others

present from this ministry. Laura added that it was also important that parents be included in the blessing since they are the primary teachers of their children.

Upcoming Events for October

Peace and Justice Committee, review

^ Input for Prayers of the Faithful – Sister Marlene reported that the Prayers of the Faithful have not been forthcoming and are needed ahead of time especially since they often are not in the proper format. Sister requested they be submitted by Wednesday and Augie requested Thursday. Laura will look into this.

^ 10/5, 10/6 weekend – Minute for Ministry – theme

^ 10/12, 10/13 – Crib of Life – already set up at St Ambrose and forthcoming for other sites

^ 10/19, 10/20 – Petition on Domestic Violence, etc. to be signed

^ 10/26, 10/27 – Bridget Shumway to speak and Children's Interfaith Sunday, children to be involved as minister where possible

October 4, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sally urged committee members to attend occasionally to show support. Augie wondered how important the signing up aspect was and if people did sign up or just show up. Father Brown said that, in the beginning the signup sheets were to remind people of this new liturgy, now that its been almost a year, it probably is no longer necessary.

Pet Blessing, October 4 – 6:00 pm in Dailey Hall

Drew reported that everything is ready to go. There will be programs provided including the music.

Anointing Service

The Anointing Service is Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 pm at St. James.

Other Business

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Drew and Sister Marlene had both begun working on this service unbeknownst to each other. However, Drew was able to combine the two and complete the service which is scheduled for November 26 at 7:00 pm at St. John.

Advent Theme

Father Bob, after having checked the readings for Advent this year, suggested that the theme of Peace of Christ would easily adapt to them and the committee agreed with this.

Hymnals

Janet reported that after checking, she found that our subscription ends with nexts Advent so we have until around March before a final decision should be made. She and Terry are still considering possibilities but will plan on bringing some samples to our next meeting.

November 2, Mass of Remembrance

Augie requested assistance from Sister Marlene, Janet, Terry and Drew in preparing this liturgy. Sally suggested that the members from the Funeral Ministry be included since they are present at most of the funerals. She also wondered whether we should go back to the custom of having a holy card or something to pass out to those in attendance. Father Bob suggested something to do with the Year of Faith which will soon draw to a close.

Reverence During Mass

Sally brought up the fact that people have expressed to her that there seems to be a lack of reverence in church in the sanctuary, before the tabernacle, modes of dress, etc. Do reminders need to go to ministers in particular? Something to think about.

Next Meeting : October 29, 2013

Future Meetings:

December 3

January 7

February 4

March 4 (Mardi Gras)

April 1

May 6

June 3 (picnic)