

WE MISSED YOU JACK! :) you might want to read through and "edit" anything not necessary for posting. :) here you go....

JACK'S COMMENTS ARE IN RED

Liturgy Meeting Minutes - May 5, 2009

Present: Ryan Eickholt, Alexa B. Eickholt, Robin Germerchak, Joel Junga, Sylvia Righi, Tricia Tischler, Al Woods, Pat Yeager

Absent: Kelly Barber, Theresa Betori, Jack Gerding, Joe Kest, Linda Lister

I. Prayer - Joel Junga

II. Message From Jack - Ryan read as Jack, allowing us to respond to each of Jack's comments...

1) Al did attend the St. John's 10AM mass and reported that more than 50% of the church was full, great attendance! Questions about this mass included: Does the parish pay a fee for utilizing the St. John's church? **NO, I don't think so.** Would it be possible to keep track of the number of host used to know how many attend? **Yes, that would be easy.**

2) Pat attended the meeting for Greeters and discussed a Greeter who would love to continue to "greet" but needs to sit to do so. Would it be possible to provide a stool? **Absolutely** A fold out stool with a back? **Anyone willing to go shopping and find one? And give me the receipt?** We are grateful for those who are willing to dedicate such time and effort and so are willing to help them with what we can. Greeters will also be getting magnetic nametags that will include Greeter and their name.

3) Discussion circled around a definition of "proper". After many suggestions of appropriate/inappropriate clothing, it was decided as a group that if asked about "proper dress" the answer should be clothes and shoes that are in good condition and non distracting. Another answer would be, "Ask your mother." **Love the last quote. LOL!**

4) We will miss Mitchell terribly and will give Jack any names we can think of for this soon to be open position.

5) More ideas in regards to refurbishing the church include a new roof, a good cleaning, and perhaps a golden deacon chair with a cup holder (guess whose suggestion this was:). **We can certainly think bigger than this!**

This also led to discussion about the choir. Would we need more room for the choir or just a new place for the choir? **I'll share about my thoughts on this at the next meeting.** Would we need to reserve pew space for the choir? What if we gain more choir members? It was suggested that if we gain up to 50/60 members we might split in half and have two choirs to sing at two different masses. **I don't think people would split – and I'd be afraid that the second choir would be of significantly lesser quality.** With the choir we have now, would it be possible to take turns at each of the masses? One month at 4:30, one month at 7:30, one month at 9:30, one month at 11:30 was suggested. **I have done this at previous parishes – only because I had too... I think doing a Masses here and there would be OK – but a majority of our choir members are in choir only because they come to the 9:30 Mass – for some reasons moving the choir from Mass to Mass has been the demise of many parish choirs.** What if the children's choirs began to sing at the 11:30 masses at least once a month? **We do – sometimes 2x a month (due to the RCIA in the Emmaus Room – we didn't sing much in the spring – too difficult to gather the kids in church)** Or if a small ensemble or 4 part harmony was assembled to sing at a mass? **We have this too... Side note: Each year I focus my attention on a specific group... ie – last year starting the Handbell Choir... this next year I'll be doing some serious recruiting for instrumentalists. (Violin, guitar, oboe, ect...)** This way each mass would be covered in regards to music. **(We'll never find a group to do 7:30 – too early. I only have one cantor willing to do it)** Music does improve upon the liturgical experience. With the new assistant position, would it be possible for part of their job discription to include being in charge of one of these groups? **We'd have to add hours – hours adds \$\$\$\$ This position is already 20 hours a week.**

6) Al brought cookies and we all ate our fill. He obviously cooked all day and even stitched the bag he brought them in. Hilariously enough the bag looked remarkably like a Kroger plastic bag and the cookies were brought in plastic containers. :) **HAHAH!**

III. What is proper dress? - Please see number 3 in previous section.

IV. Questions from PC - After looking over the answers already sent from our previous meeting, we did add a few more. To add to question 2 we feel that prayer cards, being involved in the choir, or as a Lector or Greeter also brings people closer to Christ. **AMEN!!!** For question 5 we stated: when we share with others how Jesus has affected our lives. For question 6 we said that sharing personal experiences in regards to Christ in our lives or sharing Christ with others allows us to enhance evangelization. We feel that our compilation of answers is complete and were happy that the questions were being asked. **GO TEAM!**

V. We set our next Fall Meeting for September 1 at 7PM. Have a great summer!

Next Meeting: September 1, 2009

Prayer Coordinator: Robin Gernerchak

Snack Coordinator: Tricia Tischler