

**St. Cecilia Parish
Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee**

Date: April 10, 2003

Subject: Minutes of April 8 Committee Meeting

Participants: Gary Aitchison, Kay Aitchison, Jo Ann Dalhoff, Cathy Gerbracht, Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Ron Rasmussen, Mary Ross, Cyndi Volcko, Rosemary Wilson

A. Call to Order/Prayer

The meeting began with prayer.

B. Minutes of last meeting

Approved as distributed.

C. Ministries

The new schedules have been sent out and put on the St. Cecilia web site. New readings are available.

D. Eucharistic Adoration

- Cyndi Volcko and Rosemary Wilson reported planning is under way for a procession on the feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Father Terry has agreed to preside. Tilda Thompson is coordinating the preparation of the blessings that will be used. Knights of Columbus and RCIA folks are being contacted.
- Cyndi and Rosemary also reported Father Terry will lead a September 7 promotion and signup campaign for Eucharistic Adoration. The group is also working on an information brochure and is planning to add something to the St. Cecilia web site.

E. Web Site

The topic immediately above led to discussion concerning the condition, operation and maintenance of the St. Cecilia web site. Bob Hauser agreed to share the committee's concerns with the parish staff.

F. Lent/Easter

- Bob Hauser noted that the times scheduled for decoration of the church for Passion Sunday, Holy Week and Easter are as noted in the minutes of last month's meeting:
 - 10 am Friday April 11
 - 10 am Thursday April 17
 - 9 am Friday April 18
 - 9 am Saturday April 19
- Bill Haas will ask the Knights of Columbus for persons to help remove (and then restore) the corpus in the large crucifix at the front of the sanctuary.
- Bob Hauser will ask the RCIA folks for help in decorating the church for Easter Vigil celebration.

G. Steve Angrisano

Review of the Angrisano events indicated they were well received and that they included broad and effective evangelization. Thanks to all who supported these events.

H. Future Retreat/Mission Possibilities

- Bob Hauser suggested consideration of Jesse Manibusan and Newman Singers. Discussion noted that an emphasis on music promotes involvement of young people (and others) and is appropriate for a parish named after the patron saint of music. The committee encouraged Bob Hauser to proceed with contacts, selection and booking for a spring 2004 mission/retreat/workshop and to include consideration of Jesse Manibusan, Jaime Cortez, Marty Haugen and David Haas.
- Bob noted that Marty Haugen will be a part of the October 23-25 Living Liturgy Conference in Forest City. He may try to organize participation of interested persons from the St. Cecilia Music Ministry.

I. Teen Mass

- This year's survey/evaluation results were distributed. A preference for the 7 p.m. Sunday time was clear.
- Planning is in progress for a graduation celebration at the 11:15 Mass, followed by a luncheon on May 4.

J. Prayer and Fasting for Political Leaders

Gary Aitchison noted that the Iowa Family Policy Council proclaimed a day of fasting and prayer for the President, Members of Congress and State Legislators.

K. Seder Supper

Gary Aitchison noted this would occur 5:30-7 p.m. April 17. Signup required by April 13.

L. National Day of Prayer

Gary Aitchison noted that Congress has proclaimed a National Day of Prayer. He asked Bob Hauser to mention it at the Thursday Staff Meeting.

M. Formation for the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee

- Jo Anne Dalhoff suggested the Committee should regularly devote time to formation on the subjects of its concern between and during meetings. She suggested the Committee should be studying articles and documents pertinent to spiritual growth and liturgy. Jo Anne and Bob Hauser will confer and recommend/provide articles for study.
- The committee agreed it will continue to meet through the summer.

N. Formation for the Parish

The importance of formation for the parish concerning liturgy was also noted, especially because we are considering building a new church. The SG&L committee will consider this further.

O. Book of Intercessions

It appears that items from the book are not being included in the public Prayers of Intercession. Members wondered whether at each Mass one of the public prayers of intercession could pray for all the intentions written in the Book of Intercessions.

P. Celebration in Thanksgiving for Franciscans

- In discussion, it was emphasized that this celebration, on Corn Fest Sunday, August 17, should focus on our gratitude for the Franciscans and their ministry to us, not on their leaving.
- It was agreed planning for this celebration will start right after Easter and that we should begin thinking of persons who might present brief personal testimony regarding their experience of that ministry and their gratitude for it.

Q. Parish Support for Small Christian Communities

The committee noted this topic needs renewed attention. The committee will consider the topic at its next meeting.

Next SG&L Committee Meeting: 7:00 pm May 13, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Haas