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at the 10 February 2004 meeting.**

**St. Cecilia Parish
Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee
Minutes of 13 January 2004 Committee Meeting**

Members Present: Garland Dahlke, Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Cyndi Volcko, Jacque Zbaracki.

- A. Call to Order/Prayer.** Bob Hauser called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. and led the group in prayer.
- B. Minutes of last meeting.** The draft minutes for the 11 November 2003 meeting were corrected, replacing “Stand Again Violence” with “Stand Against Violence”. Then the minutes were approved as changed. The December meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm on 9 December.
- C. Advent/Christmas Recap.** Several members commented that the decorating was beautiful. Red and gold seemed quite appropriate and the bit of white from the cyclamens provided appropriate accent. Photos of the decorations are available in the Photo Gallery on the Saint Cecilia web site: <http://www.stceecilia.pvt.k12.ia.us/photogallery/>

Even with a crew of 42 volunteers, decorating on the Hanging of the Greens Sunday was not concluded until 5 p.m., and even then, electrical connections were not finished for three of the outdoor light poles. Some facts: 85 plants were used. There were eight evergreen trees (some artificial) on the platform with the Nativity display. Additional evergreen trees were used in the chapel (2), narthex (2), and vestibule (1).

The decorations were taken down by a crew of at least 36 volunteers immediately after the 11:15 Mass on 11 January. The work was completed by 3 pm. Those who helped decorate and undecorate are being recognized and thanked in the parish bulletin.

For next year, it was suggested we consider: (1) having a separate crew do all outside decorating prior to Hanging of the Greens Sunday; (2) putting up a cluster of lighted evergreen trees under the tower of crosses, (3) lighting some of the ornamental trees just north of the church, (4) re doing the lighting on the very large evergreen on the west side of the church, (5) increasing the church’s assortment of floral display stands, (6) replacing blue glasses for vigil candles, and (7) adding two more tree stands. We had planned to do items (2) and (3) in 2003 but ran out of time and energy to do it on Hanging of the Greens Sunday.

D. Eucharistic Adoration. Cyndi Volcko reported:

- They are planning an appreciation dinner for adorers for after the 11:15 Mass on 8 February. Hy Vee and Hickory Park have donated food for the same.
- They are planning a celebration and procession for the Feast of Corpus Christi, 13 June.
- Sign up weekend is on the Parish calendar for 11-12 September.

E. Liturgical Ministries. Bob Hauser reported he trained 16-18 new servers (with help from Mike Weber, Thad Fair, and Father Terry). Bob reported he is impressed with their attendance and responsibility in finding substitutes when needed.

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F. Lent/Easter. Bob Hauser agreed to convene an ad hoc committee in mid-February to plan for this season.

G. Upcoming Dates.

1. Non-Violence Weekend – 17-18 January
 - a. Gary and Kay Aitchison have prepared prayer of the faithful and other prayers for Father Terry's approval.
 - b. Knights of Columbus will distribute Roses for Life
 - c. St. Cecilia Parish is hosting an Interfaith Martin Luther King service at 3 pm Sunday in the church. We will be providing some PR.
2. Catholic School Week – Saturday 24 January at 5:00 pm
3. Scout Weekend – on the first or second Sunday in February at 9:30 Mass
4. Saint John's/Saint Benedict's Wind Ensemble – Concert 27 February at 7:00 pm
5. Renew of Marriage Vows – February (being organized by Gary and Kay Aitchison)
6. Jaime Cortez will work with Music Ministry groups – Last weekend of March.

H. Closing Prayer and Adjournment.

Bob Hauser led the committee in closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting: in the Social Hall Parlor, Tuesday, 10 February 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Haas