

These meeting minutes were approved at the meeting of
12 April 2005.

**Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee
Minutes of March 1, 2005**

Participants: Bob Hauser, Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison, Jo Anne Dalhoff, Cathy Gerbracht, Cyndi Volcko, Jacque Zbaracki, Kelli Faidley

A. Call to Order/Prayer

Bob Hauser called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm. He led the committee in the Prayer of the Day from **Daily Prayer 2005**.

B. Review Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by those in attendance.

C. Liturgical Ministries

No official report was provided because Ron Rasmussen was absent. Bob Hauser reminded the group that commissioning for the extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist had been scheduled for February 26/27. Since this had not occurred, Bob will check with Father Terry. Perhaps the minutes are incorrect and this commissioning was scheduled for March 26/27. Bob also reminded the lectors to keep abreast of their assignments and to be responsible for picking up their readings for preparation.

D. Eucharist: Source and Summit

The persons who are involved in the small group process are excited about the process. They highly recommend this activity to others. People enjoy the process because they have an opportunity to meet lots of people and build community. Bob Hauser noted that the process would probably be repeated after Easter. Jo Anne Dalhoff agreed to check on some good small group resources for post Easter and provide that information to Bob Hauser.

E. Parish Mission

The Parish Mission with Sr. Therese Even, SSND will take place on March 6/7/8. A conversation about the feasibility of holding a CEW weekend at St. Cecilia was held. It was suggested that Debbie Landuyt might be asked to do a weekend or perhaps just consulted about "how" to do a weekend at St. Cecilia. The decision was made to continue to support the efforts of the Our Lady's Immaculate Heart parish in Ankeny rather than to do our own at St. Cecilia.

F. Lent/Easter – Promoting Holy Week

Bob Hauser reported his conversation with John Hayes about posting photos of candidates and catechumens in the church in an attempt to develop awareness and build community. Jo Anne Dalhoff thanked Bob Hauser for the R.C.I.A. information provided on the back of the Sunday Worship aids. Bob will continue to do this in preparation for the Easter journey. Bob asked the committee for input on Easter flowers. Holubs will not be offering calla lilies this year. Using pink azaleas, instead, seemed to be the consensus of the group. Ann Van der Zanden has again offered to arrange the Easter flowers in front of the altar, ambo, font, etc.

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G. Eucharistic Adoration

Cyndi Volcko informed the group that the Eucharistic procession originally intended to process between St. Cecilia and St. Thomas - would take place on St. Cecilia Church property.

Cyndi reported that the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) are interested in bringing in Joan Carter McHugh as a speaker at their October meeting. Joan Carter McHugh is the editor of *My Daily Eucharist*, which was promoted parish-wide at the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist. Her web site is www.witnessministry.org. The CDA is willing to make the arrangements and publicity and make her talk a parish-wide event connected with the close of the Year of the Eucharist. The CDA wanted to know if the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee (SG&L) is willing to help finance the event. Bob Hauser noted that Fr. Terry likes the reflections in *My Daily Eucharist*. Bob noted that he did not want to start a trend that parish groups would bring in a speaker and expect SG&L to pick up the tab and others agreed. Cyndi pointed out that the CDA is seeking pre-approval of funds, that the CDA is willing to partially fund the McHugh talk, that it would be a parish-wide event, and that the interest would not be confined to the CDA because Joan Carter McHugh's book has been promoted parish-wide. SG&L is only being asked to help fund the speaker and not to be responsible for the work of it (arrangements, publicity, etc.) because the CDA is willing to do that. Bob suggested that a free will donation be asked for at the talk and that other funding options be explored. Bob asked Cyndi to get more information for the committee.

Cyndi stated that Fr. Ev and Fr. Terry may possibly be interested in some kind of joint procession in the fall as a culmination of the Year of the Eucharist.

H. Teen Mass

Cathy Gerbracht reported the following:

1. March liturgy will be followed by an evening with Sr. Theresa Evens.
2. Pizza will be provided.
3. April liturgy will be followed by a guest speaker and ice cream floats
4. May liturgy will be followed by the baccalaureate luncheon.

I. Hispanic Mass

Bob Hauser reported that he is helping with the music ministry for these liturgies. He is excited about the success of this effort. Bob thinks we are still reaching only those Hispanics who already attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis. It has been reported that as many as 70 people were in attendance at the last mass for Hispanics. Bob thinks that the number present may be more like only 40.

J. Other Topics

1. Potential future event – Bob Hauser will be contacting Fr. Bob Fabing, a St. Louis Jesuit, for an end of the year celebration focusing on the “Year of the Eucharist.” The feast of St. Cecilia was mentioned as a possible date for this event.

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2. Deacon Gary informed the committee that the Parish Council was considering bringing the Parish Community Life Committee back into existence. He questioned their area(s) of responsibility. It was noted that ushers fall under the auspices of the Parish Life Committee. Gary also questioned the advisability of merging the Parish and Family Life Committees.
3. Gary announced that the art in the areas affected by the building project would be removed, cleaned, labeled and stored on Thursday, March 3, 2005.
4. Kelli noted that sometimes the holy water fonts at the entrances to the church are empty. She asked who is responsible for filling these fonts. Bob informed her that this is a responsibility of the ushers.
5. Bob Hauser suggested that the liturgy committee watch a video on “Generations of Faith” as a formation tool because the parish is considering utilization of “Generations of Faith” as a part of the parish faith formation process.

K. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005.