

These draft meeting minutes await review and approval by the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee.

Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Committee Minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2006

Participants: Gary Aitchison, Sandy Fagan, Kelli Faidley, Bill Haas, Bob Hauser, Cyndi Volcko, and Jacque Zbaracki

A. Call to Order/Prayer

Bob Hauser called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm and led the committee in the Prayer of the Day from *Daily Prayer 2006*, Liturgical Training Publications.

B. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

C. Lent

- Lenten Journey Video** – For the March 10 presentation, 70 (estimated) participated in the Stations of the Cross, 45 (estimated) stayed for the video, and 30 (estimated) participated in the succeeding small group discussions (2 groups). Lay ministers Sandy Fagan, Deb Landuyt, Rita McKenna, and Jane Walter served as discussion facilitators. Bob Hauser reported that they asked to be invited to serve again in the future. Committee members observed that the video and discussions were well received.
- Black Booklets** – Bob Hauser reported that the 50 black booklets (similar to the blue booklets provided earlier) made available at the back of the church have all been picked up already. He reported the same for the 50 booklets made available for children.

D. *MagnifiKid!*

Cyndi Volcko distributed copies of *MagnifiKid!* for examination / evaluation by the committee. Please see: <http://www.magnificat.net/us/magnifikid/indexkid.htm>. *MagnifiKid!* is a monthly magazine designed to help Christian children, ages 6 to 12, unite their life with the prayer of the universal Church, through the liturgy. Every week, *MagnifiKid!* offers:

- all the readings and the prayers of the Sunday Mass with many explanations on rituals and of the difficult words,
- a daily prayer adapted to the Liturgy of the Hours,
- many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord,
- various games, a comic, activities, to discover the Christian life and culture, and
- a page intended for the parents, with suggestions for family prayers.

MagnifiKid! is a lay initiative, without affiliation to any religious order or lay movement; it is edited in the United States by Magnificat USA. In the United States, the ecclesial sources of *MagnifiKid!* are the USCCB (*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*) and the ICEL (*International Commission on English in the Liturgy*).

Cyndi reported that St. Cecilia has 375 children in the 6-12 year range and that the annual subscription rate for orders of more than 100 is \$9.20/each. The following points were noted during the ensuing discussion:

- The publication looks great; a good thing to have in our parish, for worship and for family catechesis.

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- We could promote its use through the Generations of Faith program, School, Father Terry's comments at weekend liturgies.
- The present SG&L budget would have real trouble covering the cost for 375 subscriptions. We may want to request additional budget to cover this.
- We may be able to get additional free copies for examination by members of the parish.
- We could ask families to pay all or a portion of the subscription cost, or we might share the cost with the Religious Education program.
- Bob Hauser agreed to discuss the matter with John Hayes.

E. Benediction and Teaching

Cyndi Volcko reported that Father Terry has scheduled Benediction and teaching for the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, May 1, 5:30 pm. This is expected to be like the one he led in the Chapel on February 19.

F. Corpus Christi Celebration and Procession

Cyndi Volcko reported that, for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, a procession is scheduled to begin immediately after the 10:30 am Mass.

G. Celebration of Ten Years of Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Cecilia Parish

Cyndi Volcko noted that, in December of this year, Saint Cecilia Parish will have completed ten years of Eucharistic Adoration and that the Eucharistic Adoration group would like to celebrate with something special. Cyndi proposed a weekend seminar: *The Great Adventure - A Journey Through the Bible*, by Jeff Cavins/Timothy Gray. Please see <http://www.thebibletimeline.com>. Cyndi provided information, which is also available at <http://www.thebibletimeline.com/PDFs/GASemFlyera.pdf>. Estimated costs would include \$2500 speaker's fee, transportation & lodging, study kits for participants (est. \$20 to \$30 per participant). According to the web site, parishes frequently request registration fees of \$10 to \$40 per participant. The committee suggested consideration of less costly possibilities, e. g., Father Geary, Alan Christy,¹ The committee also expressed doubt that we could have much attendance for anything that required all-day Saturday participation. Bill Haas noted that the committee, in a previous self-assessment/planning session, had suggested that we consider sponsoring a parish music/worship/praise event emphasizing congregational participation. Bob Hauser noted that he had been considering inviting Sarah Hart for such an event.

¹ After the meeting, Gary and Kay Aitchison provided two additional suggestions by email: (1) Sister. Joyce Rupp; and (2) Father David Smith, Director of the Creighton University Retreat Center. Father Smith presented to the Deacons of the Diocese last October, on the topic "Adam and Eve to Christ on the Cross".

Friday evening:	Topic: The Sin of Our First Parents.
Saturday:	Topic: Abraham and Sarah, and other Old Testament Personalities
	Topic: The Plan of Our Redemption
	Topic: The Incarnation
	Topic: The Passion and Death
Sunday:	Topic: Christ's Sabbath Rest
	Topic: Resurrection and Eucharist

According to Gary and Kay, Father Smith was very well prepared and his delivery was excellent.

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H. CD Rack

Cyndi Volcko reported that the Adoration Group would like to have a rack for display of CDs on various topics. She said Father was OK with that but that it would have to wait until the Gathering Center became available.

I. Passion Sunday & Holy Week

- The complete schedule for Lent and Holy Week has been set and distributed to parish members.
- Committee members will decorate at 10:00 am (tentative) on Friday, April 7.
- If Bob needs help for the decoration prior to Holy Thursday, he will email committee members for help.
- Committee members will decorate at 9:00 am April 15.

I. SG&L Committee Self Assessment

- A schedule of Spiritual Growth and Liturgy Opportunities at Saint Cecilia's for the period September 2005 through November 2006 was distributed with the minutes of the last meeting. As noted at the March meeting, decisions/actions resulting from the assessment process will need to be woven into such a schedule.
- The committee intends to make its report on self-assessment and planning to the Parish Council at the council's May meeting.

J. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 9:15 pm.

Next meeting at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006 (most likely in the Music Room).

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Haas