

St. Edith Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mike Magoulick, Gary Kudron, Laurie Rizzolo, Linda Bodnar, Al Rivard, Heather Shina by phone, Joe Rashid. Not Present: Zelma Isele, Cindy Coleman, Jane DeRoo, Donna DeFavero.

The Worship Commission is in recess for the summer. The next Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Bereavement: Gary Kudron read and provided a written report for the Minutes as follows: The bereavement services of a Rosary or a Scripture Service are done when requested by family. I would like to make some comments on the bereavement services offered by St. Edith Parish. The program that is offered is called GRIEF SHARE, and it is a Christ-centered grief support group.

It consists of 13 sessions that are 2 hours long. Hospitality and friendship begin the meeting. The two main parts of each session consists of a 30-minute video followed by small group discussions. The main focus of this ministry is to provide healing after a loved one's death. In this last session there were 22 members, all with different grief backgrounds. During discussion time, members are able to express their own grief experiences and to listen and learn from other group members of what they are experiencing with their personal loss. Because of this format, over the weeks participants can develop an understanding of their loss and bond with new friends.

Patty Kelly, the Parish Social Worker, has organized this ministry.

There are 5 facilitators who organize and lead the groups. They are: Paul Camilleri, Donna DeFavero, Paul Esser, Patty Foresta and Gary Kudron. Mary Wascher works hospitality.

For me, this experience has developed a new perspective on grieving and a deeper understanding of loss that is part of life and supported by our Christian beliefs.

Discussion followed.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid reported that the Sacristans show up regularly and do a good job.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that First Communion went well with a lot of great singing and music. There was a lot of preparation and rehearsals. Parents reached out to have their children audition for the children's choir. Through a bell ringer a Kwai Baby Grand Piano was donated and is in the music room. The music room is being redone. The church piano bench is still being refurbished. November 17, Sunday, from 3-5 pm different choirs will be coming together to perform a St. Cecilia Sing, the patron saint of musicians. Joe Rashid will send the May Music Calendar along with the Minutes and the schedule contained there is incorporated in the Minutes. Linda Bodnar and Gary Kudron recognized how difficult it was to orchestrate the music, choirs and singing for First Communion. Heather thanked Joan for her assistance. Discussion followed.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick reported that they are still working on getting the ushers for Confirmation. Some of the ushers would like to get pricing on installing electric doors on the restrooms as people with walkers have a hard time opening the doors. The Knights of Columbus

may be willing to assist in covering the cost. Fr. Jim suggested the cost may be substantial and that only the 2 restrooms outside the social hall could be used.

Parish Council: Donna DeFavero submitted the following report by e-mail: Members of council suggested what should be changed for the goals and objectives. The council meeting next week will see the final draft and approval of the goals and objectives. People on the council do a wonderful job. I am sorry to miss the meeting. I wish everyone a blessed summer.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that the current schedule runs until Jun 2, a new one will be forthcoming soon. Fr. Jim's note concerning the choice for optional readings for the Ascension and Pentecost has been shared with the assigned lectors.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele submitted the following report by e-mail: Altar server training will be Jun 2 after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses. I will clean the robes probably in August before school starts.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that adoration was going alright, that Benediction had attendance of 13 to 20 people. People are using the reading materials and putting them back. The materials are there for the taking.

EME'S: Al Rivard reported that the home ministry was picking up with several new people participating in taking the Eucharist to the homebound and hospitalized. He thanked Fr. Jim for adding new facilities. Discussion followed.

Fr. Jim: We have found a new school principal for next year who comes from Our Lady of Victory, has 14 years of experience. We have an interim principal who will finish out the school year and help with orientation. More people are attending coffee and donuts, pizza night, pasta night and other functions with hospitality. I want and encourage people to participate but this has resulted in higher costs. To help offset expenses a hospitality envelope will be included in the packet a couple of times a year and available for online giving for those who can contribute.

Meeting concluded with the Hail Mary at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid