

# Minutes of Liturgy Meeting – 08 September 2014

Next meeting: Oct 14th - 7pm @ St Columba

Attendees: Estelle Armstrong, Shauna Barrett, Kathy Butler, Mary Goetter, Dottie Moon, , Roberta Murphy, Lois Roy

Guest: Carbery Caron

## Action Items:

1. Lois will show the Moons how to set up the speaker system for use at the Pet Blessing
2. We all will look at Pope Francis' speeches and writing to see if there is a phrase that will help with our upcoming theme of ***Be Disciples*** and share via email
3. We will discuss theme at our joint meeting with St. Columba
4. Dottie will talk with Nicole about looking for 'theme' song
5. Dottie will speak with Father to see if 'dialog homilies' could be used

## Summary of Meeting

### Decisions from Brainstorming Session

1. We will embrace a theme for the upcoming liturgical year that will impart the idea to *Be Disciples*
  - a. We will seek an image, a song, phrase to help it penetrate all we do and make it easier for parishioners to understand and embody
2. During Remembrance Month we will ask parishioners to introduce themselves to each other as a building step for the upcoming theme
  - a. Expand parish awareness of Remembrance Month to include the Community of Saints including the living
  - b. Reinforce with Prayers of the Faithful and in the homilies
3. We will explore use of name tags during Lent to reinforce building of community/family
4. Our meeting time next month will be a Liturgy Team Meeting with St. Columba
  - ⇒ October 14<sup>th</sup> – 7pm at St Columba Parish Center
  - ⇒ First segment of meeting will be joint to discuss common issues/concerns/planning
  - ⇒ Second segment we will split into parish teams to address own issues
5. Liturgy meetings dates will change back to meeting on the Second Tuesday of each month
  - a. November 11 after the 7pm
6. Annual Blessing of Our Pets will take place October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm
  - ⇒ Will be heldt at the gazebo
  - ⇒ Catholic Update – *Why We Bless Our Animals* will be placed in Narthex a week or two early to invite participation
  - ⇒ Use speaker system
  - ⇒ Volunteers to help: Regina & Jennifer Molnar, Dottie & Peter Moon
7. Spirit Weekend – September 13/14
  - ⇒ All ministries set and ready to participate

## Brainstorming Session on the Upcoming Liturgical year

Log of all ideas:

- Create theme that supports our call to “Go and make disciples”
  - Fr. Michael’s interest in potential efforts based on book *Rebuilt*
  - Matthew Kelly book: *Rediscovering Catholicism*
    - Seven pillars of Catholicism: Confession, Daily Prayer, The Mass, Fasting, The Bible, Spiritual Reading, The Rosary
      - Potential to use his Daily Lenten Reflection if we could get it at affordable price
- Sustain theme throughout the year with:
  - Create unique visual design used in church and all our efforts
  - Find a new song and use throughout the liturgical year
  - Reinforce theme in Prayers of the Faithful and in homilies
  - Parish Council to discuss ways (Oct 18) to augment our efforts and integrate theme into all our ministries and committee actions
  - Use social media
- Children Liturgy to tie with our theme
  - Seek to find more volunteers - especially high school students
    - Teach them how to run the program
- Consider using music that is not in our hymnal
  - Could project words up on the wall instead– as we’ve done for concerts
  - The movement of everyone looking up as we sing instead of looking down at individual books could be way to unite us as community
- Need powerful images to reinforce the theme
  - As Advent clock and Doors to the Sacraments did in the past
- Liturgy should be designed to include everyone
  - At Communion, invite those who cannot receive to come up for a blessing
    - Eucharist Ministers need to be trained
      - Common, short, welcoming blessing
      - Lead EM to remind all how what to do
      - Write phrase on the white board
- Potential Theme: Be Disciples
  - Allows for internal and external efforts
- Children’s Liturgy
  - Have children add hay to manger as they do service or kindness
- Could we use a “Dialog homily”
  - It could help develop the theme for parishioners
  - Helps to teach and to build community
  - Recognize this will appeal to some and be difficult for others
- There has been great public resonance with Pope Francis
  - Find quote or phrase that can be used as our theme
- As we make use of the area formerly known as the ‘trellis area’
  - Create ‘art gallery quality’ sign that explains the display
- The Door image was strong, so why not continue the use of the doors
  - Open the doors
  - Be aware we could not find a music piece that would work with this image

- Name tags
  - Possibly use them during Advent
    - Knowing people's names helps build community/family
    - We could create reusable name tags for those who are on ministries
      - Visual cue of those who are active
      - Could help reduce impact of distributing name tags before Mass
    - Greeters and Narthex already burdened
      - Distribute on portico or within church
      - Use parish council or other volunteers to distribute and to clean up any debris
  - Make the Holy Family more prominent
    - at Christmas week with stronger tie to Holy Family 12/28
    - Advent – place the barn and animals, excluding the donkey
    - Place Holy Family and donkey at Christmas Eve

... and last but not least... please join us in welcoming Kathy Butler to our team...