

**CTR – Worship Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2010**

**Opening:**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Mike Carter, Commission Chair, with prayer and Gospel reading. Several shared their personal reflections on the gospel reading.

**Present:**

Mike Carter, Todd Mack, Linda Guldi, Bob Ferer, Grace Conant, Donna Sennott, Pat Tinetti, Kevin Juzyska, Fr. Joe

**Absent:**

Sherri Stelmach, Mari Reyes

**A. Old Business**

Minutes approved prior to meeting via email process

**1. Ministry Liaison Reports –(continued from March meeting)**

Bob solicited input from the ushers as a follow up to our March meeting. Major points:

- Try father/son teams; the concern over non-confirmed kids serving is not as applicable to “non-table” ministries and it would be OK to encourage responsible kids to be involved in this way.
- Need three ushers per Mass. Often only two show.
- Try usher teams rather than rotation and see if working with the same people encourages more team commitment
- Keep email list updated as that works very well to keep all informed

More on late arrivals – the discussion continued on desired etiquette when people come in late to Mass. They should wait to be seated only when the assembly is doing something, e.g. dismissing children, singing Gloria etc. We should ask them to wait if they arrive during a non-assembly part, i.e. when the scriptures are be read.

- The ushers thought we should not do anything but leave it up to the ushers to seat people at the appropriate times
- We all agreed that it would be OK to put a short announcement in the bulletin to remind people to be considerate of others when arriving late. Not a reprimand, just a gentle reminder.
- The idea of hockey game etiquette was creatively suggested

So, here is my attempt to phrase that blurb in the bulletin: Let me know if it is too wordy or stupid.

“Hockey Style Etiquette for Catholic”

If you arrive late for Mass – well, stuff happens, and sometimes you just can’t help it. But remember there are good times to seat yourself and not so good times. Those who attend “live” hockey games, especially at “The Joe” know that etiquette says you only seat yourself when the puck is not in play, otherwise wait to be seated. The Worship Commission would like to suggest that we adopt something similar when arriving late. So, the puck is in play when the scriptures are being read. When the clock stops, i.e.

reading is finished, you can seat yourself or allow the ushers to assist you. Thank you for your love and consideration ☺

Whoever has any creative ideas, please edit and send back.

In general, late arrivals plague the 11:00 Mass. One reason put forth is that we have conditioned people to not starting on time. We should consider getting started on time with the hope of re-conditioning folks to arrive on time. Additionally, one of the major impacts of late arrivals is being short staffed on ministries, since people do not sign up until they arrive. We discussed this last meeting. To help mitigate the problem, Eucharistic Ministers will now be scheduled for the 11:00 mass.

## **2. Updates**

Song of Mark – postponed due to Mari's illness

Parish Council Report – Linda Guldi

- i. Two new youth representatives have joined
- ii. Interested in getting a pulse from the community on the disappointing response to the retreats ( the retreat committee will facilitate this)
- iii. Eucharistic Ministers will be scheduled now for the 11:00 Mass
- iv. Noted Timothy Radcliffe talk was available on the vicariate website

2010 -2011 Budget – submitted as carryover; It was revised downward to reflect the decreases in giving

## **B. New Business**

2010 – 2011 Goals and Objectives

1. Study the feasibility of reinstating altar servers as a way of providing young people an opportunity to participate in the common life of the community.
2. Study the changes to the Roman Missal and assist the community at large in getting prepared for the change scheduled to occur the beginning of Advent, 2011. Provide tools to assist in Mass participation. Use this as an opportunity to catechize about liturgy and bring a greater understanding of the parts of our Mass.

## **Other**

Worship Commission, as in prior years, will donate a basket for auction at the Habitat Fundraiser in April. Donations were collected from all who WC members. Linda will finalize the theme and prepare the basket.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 9:30 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on May 11, 2010.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Carter