May 8, 2013 @ 1805 Liturgy Meeting at the Parish Center

Present: Kate Ryan, Rich Zacher, Jeannie Fischer, Kassy Dennis, Ione Fejfar, Laurie Arthur, Don Kistler, Pat Sechser

Opening prayer – Year of Faith Prayer

Approval of last minutes with spelling corrections.

Approval of proposed agenda.

Review of Lent: Remember to clean fans before Holy Week and have fans set/reset to pull scents upwards due to congregation's sensitivity to incense. See attached note from Father Ron's feedback. Rehearsals are key and all participants are strongly encouraged to attend practice. Conversations and agreement on having the center row of lights on for people to see their way into the church. Agreement to have four Old Testament readings. On Friday have people sit during the Passion. Have a ten second pause with kneeling.

On Thursday moving of chairs was cumbersome and noisy – agreement that chairs would be around the altar and placed there before Mass and removed after the homily. Reserved signs on pews need to be removed due to noise.

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass – consensus to continue the receptions after each Mass. Conversations about who hosts/hostesses the guest priest? Appreciation and gratitude to the families who provided company and food to Father Ron this past Easter season. Always a good idea to check with the priest in advance if they enjoy free time or prefer company.

Stations of the Cross: concern raised that many groups did not follow the uniform plan of Father Tim. Recommendation that an 'order of service' format be provided and followed by all. Recommendation to diversify the soup makers. Recommendation that more kids be involved – suggestion made to partner groups with kids and to divide the age groups of kids. Average attendance was 35-50. Stations on Good Friday were haphazard. Discussion about a time change or not having them with consensus of not having Stations on Good Friday.

Recommendation for the **Chaplet Novena** pamphlet distribution be moved to Palm Sunday.

Holy Week: suggest no classes of any kind. Concerns shared about having service every night – will defer to arrival of next priest.

Confirmation 5-12-13 with Bishop. Coffee and rolls for reception after Mass. Whenever the Bishop visits us, five servers are needed. What a thrill for a youth altar server to assist the Bishop instead of an adult being assigned to the Bishop.

Consecration of the altar 5-23-13 – now know this was combined with the Confirmation Mass.

Training of altar servers: Rich has kids "suit up" and observe until their individual comfort level reaches performance level. Refresher training when the need arises. Question from Kassy as to why the priest does not do his own training – response – the priest does not have enough time. Kassy recommended that each server learn each role such as carrying the cross.

Schedule Changes: Healing Mass now on third Tuesday (5/21) @ 1730. Continue Holy Half Hour through May 25 & 26. Suggest that servers stay as long as the priest does. Altar servers may practice picking up the veil to put on the priest prior to actually doing it. Please remember that any announcements made at Mass need to be the same for Saturday night and Sunday morning – all parishioners need to hear the news.

Notification of cancellation for Mass or Events: Conversation about how do we decide to cancel a church related event? How do we notify people of such a cancellation? We will inquire of other faiths and what they do – Laurie will ask Custer Lutheran Fellowship and _____ will check with Custer Community Church.

**Homework assignments: ***Father Tim needs a list of Eucharistic Ministers to submit to the Bishop. Kate to help in Duke's absence. *Father Pete will be here June 1 & 2 to celebrate Mass; a farewell party will be coordinated by the Women of St. John and Janet W.* Ione is shopping for church wine that must have a 12% alcohol content.* A paper ballot run-off election for Parish Council will be provided at this weekends Masses.* Bulletin items need to be sent/given to Karen Thomsen by noon on Wednesday to be included in the following weekend bulletins.

Greeters / Ushers: Emails sent to greeters/ ushers to choose June 2 @1230 or June 4 @ 1800 for CPR and AED training by Margaret Farrell lasting approximately four hours and paid for by the KC's. Will be open to parishioners if not enough greeters/ushers sign up.

Next meeting June 12, 2013 @1800

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