

## **ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **March 7, 2006**

**Present:** Fr. David, Tony Petraia, Florence Loch, Pat Olsen, Jeanne Tarrant, Greg Kryspin, Domenica Gioiella, Dean Finch, Helen Eidt, Andrea Licek, and Suzanne Calnon

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Dean.

#### **Good Friday**

Jeanne reported Chris Spadaro will again play the gong. Fr. David suggested having 2 women carry bowls of incense to recall the myrrh-bearing women who went to the tomb the first Easter morning.

#### **Holy Thursday**

Helen reported the committee will meet next week. The mass will follow procedures of recent past years. Practice will be Tuesday April 11 at 7:00 PM.

#### **Vigil**

Dean reported the initial script is finished. There will be five readings. He requested someone (preferably a teen or recent graduate) memorize and proclaim the Epistle. It was noted that we will be in Daylight Savings time by the Vigil, but hopefully it will be somewhat dusk by 8:00 PM. We will ask Fr. Joe to use a longer burning fuel and start the fire early so it will greet those arriving. Jeanne and Daniella will be cantors. Practice for Vigil lectors is Saturday April 1 at 9:30.

#### **General**

We have hired a cellist for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Dean commented many lectors speak in too low a volume and are hard to hear.

#### **Liturgy Survey**

Most comments were favorable with several exceptions. The following are comments and suggestions that may help us improve all our liturgies. They do not apply to all masses equally.

- No greeters at side entrance.
- When parishioners talk with the greeter others are not greeted
- Dumpsters outside are not attractive
- Singing of the presider is louder than the cantor
- Parishioners leave early, read bulletin, pray rosary
- Introduce ministers at 8:00 AM mass
- Mention the name of whom the mass is offered for during the Eucharistic Prayer
- Altar servers are late
- Congregation not enthusiastic, lacks participation, little sense of joy at 11:00 AM Mass.
- Hymns not inspiring, congregation not encouraged to sing, same 2-3 Communion hymns, choir small and music "ambitious" (11:00)

Joe was not able to attend. We will review the 9:15 mass surveys at our next meeting.

**Other**

We have 3 potential lectors who will be trained in the near future. All lectors and other ministers should be refreshed in the duties and procedures of their ministry. We will address this after Easter.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 25 at 7:30 in the Resource Room. Domenica will preside over the opening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Suzanne Calnon