

**APPROVED**

**QUAD PARISH WORSHIP COMMISSION**

**November 6, 2007**

Present: Audrey Conard, Chris DesJarlais, Jane Giese, Kathy Germain, Jerry Krausert, Jeannine Mielke, Mary Scheffel, Robin Therese

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

The November 6 agenda was approved.

Announcement: St. John the Baptist and the Diocesan worship office will host a gathering for all those involved in worship in the area. It will be an opportunity to meet the new Worship Director for the Diocese, and to express any needs, concerns, etc. Several meetings will be held throughout the diocese. The meeting at St. John's will be on December 13 at 1:00 p.m., and include a tour of their new church. All Worship Commission members are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Report:

1. Fr. Don would like our parish's weekend Masses published in the Press Gazette. (*Robin will forward*)
2. The Diocese needs an updated Mass schedule for the quad parishes on the diocesan web site.
3. Discussion about preparing a quad parish mass schedule brochure to be distributed to area motels, hotels, etc. Jane will do some preliminary work on this. Brochure could include the pictures of the 4 churches, like the bulletin cover.

St. Jude 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update: The celebration was beautiful and the dinner/reception was well attended.

Memorial Services: All on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. All are set to go.

Advent Wreaths: Reminder of the importance of using real greens. Wreath and candles should be visible to everyone, although not in front of the altar. Advent colors include shades of violet, navy, fuschia colors of night and dawn. Perhaps a bow, ribbons, or streamers can be used, or perhaps one each week with the words "peace", "justice", "hope", "joy", and "Love" for Christmas.

Church Environment: Environment includes the whole church, not just the sanctuary, such as window sills, doors, outside, etc. Arrangements can be made with various evergreens, with the Advent colors included. They could be replaced with the white, red, and gold for Christmas. Bulletin notes will call attention to the church environment.

Proclamations: It was suggested we begin Mass with an opening statement about the readings' theme, how is it relative for today, and how is it reflected in the Environment.

At an earlier meeting, a suggestion was made to greet one another as the mass was beginning. It was decided that announcements and the opening commentary would be enough at this time. Consider at another time.

Prayer Cards: Discussion of prayer cards with the “Litany of Non-Violence on the reverse side. This supports the Advent themes for Peace and Justice. They can be ordered from the Sisters of Providence for the cost of shipping & handling, and a donation.

Little Blue Books will be available to parishioners again this Advent for their personal reflection and prayer. A \$1 donation is being asked per book.

Intercessions: Intercessions for Peace and Justice within our families, parishes, and neighborhoods are to be included.

Advent Giving Tree -- The Social Concerns Commission will take care of it this year. If possible, it was asked if the trees could keep the Spirit of Advent, and not be so quick to include Christmas décor.

Week to Week Anticipation -- “God’s Peaceable Kingdom”  
Week I could include just the Advent wreath, and some Advent décor. Week 2, perhaps the empty manger or crib; Week 3, add the Christmas trees and/or animals; Week 4, flowers, etc., except the Baby Jesus.

New Year’s Day Mass -- Fr. Don has okayed to reverse the prior schedule in masses that day. The masses will be: 9:00 a.m. at St. Jude, and 10:00 a.m. at Annunciation.

Pre-Advent Night of Reflection: Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, with Fr. Conrad Kratz as presenter.

Meeting closed with prayer.

The January meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. *Note the date change because of New Years holiday.*

Next Meeting: is Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30. We will begin looking at the season of Lent.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Germain