

GOOD SHEPHERD WORSHIP CORE COMMUNITY
MEETING NOTES
27 October 2009

Those present - Pat Kowalski, Suzie Perkins, Maggie Short, Steve Moleski, Jerry Haynes, Margaret Haynes, Ranetta Bhuvorakul

Next meeting date to be announced; Dave Mueller will lead prayer and faith sharing then.

Faith Sharing & Prayer - Jerry Haynes subbed for Dave Mueller. Beatitudes was the topic. Gratitude was expressed by many for the blessing of having enough personnel to make possible the second daily mass at GS.

Second Daily Mass Update - Those present estimated that the 5:45 p.m. Mass is averaging @ 42 in attendance at this point; that number has been increasing gradually. Morning daily mass usually brings in 40-50, but sometimes there are more than the chapel can hold. It was noted, and much appreciated, that more folks not ordinarily involved, formally, in ministries of the Mass are stepping forward to fill those roles. It was remarked that a minor glitch has occurred more than once when a priest showed up to sub for us, but Mass was delayed because no one could get into the sacristy without a key. That situation is unlikely to occur often.

Music

1. Cantors at ambo - Gail Mueller has asked for several months if choirs other than 8 and 5:30 are doing psalm from ambo. (Evidently no.) Some opinion is that ambo is supposed to be only for the readings. However, because we have no other facility, other than choir, it is one of those matters for pastor's decision for exception.

2. Music at Communion - Fr. Chris has requested that music begin as soon as priest consumes. Recorded music thought to be a no-no, as understanding is that music in the Mass should be live or not at all. One possibility is for choir to receive from SME whose station is near Guadalupe alcove. Perhaps that minister could stop at choir area before going on to that assigned station. (?) Musician(s) could receive first and then begin communion hymn while singers partake.

Pre-Mass Welcome - Desire for weekly welcoming was indicated in latest newcomer survey. Most present believe it would be most warmly accomplished, most effective and appreciated if done by priests/deacons. Seems much liked in those parishes where clergy "chat up" congregation, introduce visitors/new parishioners; even highlight a few upcoming events or parish concerns. As some seem to think welcoming and announcement ministry could be taken on fairly easily by lectors or choir folks, the fallacy of such assumption was addressed by many in pointing out challenge of time, distraction/disruption of prep for own ministry, need for familiarity with subject matter. It was thought that the preference that a person should serve in only one ministry per Mass perhaps does not apply in this matter because this "welcoming" technically would be occurring just prior to the beginning of Mass. No decision or recommendation made, but discussion was lively.

Eucharistic ministry - Margaret Haynes voiced concern and desire for sanitizing of the vessels. She and sacristan will readdress matter...Jerry Haynes will consult Fr. Chris for clarification on his request for having hosts distributed to vessels before Mass; deacon probably can do it...question of possibility of low gluten hosts for those with such need brought suggestion that such individual consult 1 on 1 with priest, perhaps be encouraged to do so via bulletin announcement.

There are other issues for some as to communion under only one species: health fears vs. faith; isolated individual experience vs. shared expression of faith in community, etc. Good discussion included seeking understanding of the issues for some, and shifting opinions as personal experiences have been shared and insights gained over last few weeks. Fr. Chris gave permission to share with those in attendance some of his response to some of these concerns among the GS community. All appreciated his efforts in preparing a simple, clear and concise paper. All wanted copy for reference. Well written, it was timely and nicely developed.

Preparing for Advent - Margaret Haynes will help take on some of the leadership effort as the "three tired and vertically challenged ladies" are each looking to additional demands on their time and energy this year.

Liturgical Calendar - Has December 8 mass schedule been decided?

Next meeting date is **November 24**. Would *you* attend or should we reschedule? **RSVP!**