

In attendance were Mel Switzer, Regina Linkenbach, Fran Leitenberger, Teresa Baker, Harry Baker, Joe Wendling, Dan Forster, Cathy Forster, Marti Selby, Angie Dillon, Patsy Saul, Bill Johnson, and Lisa Simmons.

Teresa led us in a prayer from Mother Teresa, and then we recited our committee prayer.

Fran passed around this year's sign-up sheets for Prayer Assignments, Petitions, and Bulletin Blurbs. We have empty slots for the following areas. Please see Fran to sign up for a spot if you have not already done so.

Petitions: Need someone to write petitions for December 2011, January 2012, February 2012, April 2012, June 2012, July 2012, and August 2012.

Bulletin Blurbs: Need someone to write blurbs for January 2012, February 2012, August 2012, and September 2012.

After reviewing the minutes from June, Joe made a motion to accept the minutes, and Dan seconded it. The minutes were accepted by all present.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

Ushers – Bill made the suggestion to Harry to develop a sign-up sheet for ushers that can be posted at each Mass. If someone wants to usher for the Mass, they can sign-in on the sheet to let the head usher know they are available to help during the Mass. Once all the spots are filled, then others wanting to volunteer will know that they are not needed. This will help resolve some conflicts when the head usher needs to ask for volunteers to fill in. Harry thought this was a good idea, and will work with Bill to get this implemented. Bill also extended a big Thank You to the ushers who helped at the anointing Mass and the 9/11 service that was held at the church.

Lectors/Servers/EMEs – Angie reported that she and Bill have been holding some additional EME training sessions so that more will be ready for the re-commissioning on the first weekend on October. Angie also said she has had some server training sessions, and that she had a high school student help which made things run more smoothly.

Music – Bill gave us an overview of the upcoming Music Series. He also reported that he has started teaching bits of the new liturgical music prior to the Sunday Masses. As we learn them, we will begin incorporating them into the liturgy so that by the first Sunday of Advent, we will feel relatively comfortable with the new music and words. We will soon be seeing cards in the pews with the new music.

NEW BUSINESS

Refurbishing Liturgical Items – Bill reported that Fr. Hite is very dedicated to preserving our sacred articles, art, and vestments so that they can continue to be a part of our St. Peter's traditions and heritage. On that note, several articles have been sent out to be repaired as needed and re-plated in gold. These articles include the 90 year-old monstrance, two chalices, and four platens. A storage case will be made for the monstrance and it will be stored in a secured location. The six small candle sticks that were used on the high altar are being electroplated free of charge. The next round of articles to be refurbished will include two more chalices, four more platens, and four smaller candle sticks. With the price of gold on the rise, you can imagine that re-plating these items is very expensive. So far, the re-plating has cost \$4500. A plan is being

formulated to solicit private donations to cover the costs incurred for refurbishing these articles. If anyone on the committee would like to donate towards these refurbishments, please give a check to Bill Johnson or Fr. Hite, with “Sacred Vessels” noted in the memo area. In addition to these improvements, Fr. Hite is interested in exploring the possibility of restoring the murals that appeared on the Blessed Virgin’s and St. Joseph’s altars. Bill is pursuing grants and funding to cover the costs to implement a chair lift to the choir loft. Bill also mentioned that Fr. Hite is interested in obtaining a set of liturgical bells that can be used during the Mass.

John Reef – Deaconate Ordination – Fran reported that John will be ordained on Saturday, September 17 in Toledo. His first Mass at St. Peter’s will be on Sunday, September 25 at 11:30AM. A reception will follow.

Blessing of the Animals – To commemorate St. Francis’ feast day, animals of the parish will be blessed on Sunday, October 2 at 1:30PM in the parish parking lot.

Eucharistic Days – October 2, 3, and 4 – Bill is looking for some ideas on the theme and format. Attendance has been declining in recent years, and we need to try to re-think the format for these days in order to increase attendance. Regina suggested to open it up to the other parishes in the area, but it was determined that changes still need to be made in order to make these days more fresh and inviting. We were supposed to e-mail Bill of any suggestions we have as soon as possible.

140th Anniversary Celebration of the Sister of St. Francis Serving St. Peter’s - This will be celebrated on Sunday, October 9 at the 11:30AM Mass with a reception to follow in the atrium.

November Meeting – There are several special days coming up in November that we will discuss at the October meeting. *Please make it a point to be there.* We will also be discussing a possible Liturgy Committee Retreat Day, and the future of Soup for the Soul and the Seder Meal.

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Nothing to report.

We adjourned the meeting with the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Family Room.

Reminders for October: **Bulletin Blurbs – Bill Johnson**
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These minutes were respectfully submitted by Lisa Simmons.