

SJB MUSIC MINISTRIES MEETING

June 11, 2009, Noon

Those in attendance: Monsignor Jamieson, Debbie Dusanek, Mike Thibert, Parish Office
Christina Tompkins, Margaret Peeren, Ron Smith: Sat. 5:00
Mary Morton: Sun. 9:30
Bob Gladding, Sun. 11:30

Gather and Prayer: Led by Monsignor Jamieson

#1: Holy Week Review

Choir rotation for next year will be discussed in fall. The possibility of the 11:30 choir ministering at Vigil was raised.

#2: Spring Sacraments

Monsignor expressed his appreciation to Dorothy and the 11:30 choir members for stepping in to minister at 5:00 pm Masses for two weekends when Tehillah was unavailable.

#3: AV System

The AV System project has temporarily been put on hold due to the substantial cost of replacing the Electrical Panel, which incurred water damage this spring; possibly until the end of 09 or later. In the interim, we need to prepare. Joe Brekelmans has indicated that he would help with this, and decisions must be made regarding the computer purchase and software. Mary indicated that she uses Power Point at SMA, and that it works well for them.

Monsignor spoke about a letter from a parishioner who feels that there is not enough repetition of music at the Mass she attends to enable her to learn the repertoire. He reminded the choirs that it is important to select music that is accessible to all, and that repetition is key. He also suggested that we investigate the possibility of projecting text with notes, as many parishioners have requested this.

Actions:

Mary will send sample of Power Point for group to review.

Debbie will research the possibility of overheads with lyrics and notes, and procure a sample for next meeting.

Debbie will follow up with the AV System committee

#4: Tehillah

Tehillah has been struggling with membership numbers lately, and haven't been able to minister on a regular basis. For the fall, they should be back up and running, as Margaret and Leslie will be returning, and Franca is trying to work out her schedule to return to the group.

Christina would like to see a youth music ministry re-established at SJB, acknowledging that someone will have to be there to lead them and help them to get started. It is her hope that the youth group can eventually take on one or more Saturday Masses each month, starting with a limited repertoire. Tehillah would work with them, and they could practice together prior to 5:00 Mass.

Action: Debbie to place ad for part-time youth choir in summer bulletins with Christina as the contact person.

#5: Budgets

Music Ministry budgets are now part of Mike Thibert's Liturgy budget. He asked that each group submit a budget (possible items needed, rough cost) and email them by Sept. to thibert@sjbcommunity.ca He allots for workshop costs in each year's budget.

#6: Liturgical Renewal

Monsignor indicated that Fr. Geoffrey will be taking a Masters degree at Notre Dame University during summer months. Given Fr. Geoffrey's connection to Liturgical Music, Monsignor feels that it would be valuable to invite him to SJB for discussion. Mary suggested that he be invited to come to Masses one weekend to provide feedback to each group.

Action: Monsignor will speak to Fr. Geoffrey to arrange this for the fall.

#7: New Lectionary

Monsignor asked if there were any problems regarding the new lectionary and the group indicated that there were none.

#8: Summer Music

Dorothy Lothar and available 11:30 choir members will minister at Sunday 10:00 am Masses during the summer. Monsignor offered stipends to anyone interested in ministering at 5:00 pm Masses when available.

Action: Margaret and Christina will minister when they are here.

#9: Fall 2009

Feast of St. John Brebeuf will be celebrated the weekend of Sept. 26/27 at all Masses.

Fall Supper is planned for Sept. 27.

Welcoming Sunday: Oct. 25/26 at all Masses

Ministry Fair to be same weekend (Oct 25/26)

Monsignor asked music ministries to be mindful of these events, and choose appropriate music.

All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year- Nov. 1

Remembrance Day also on a weekend this year- to be discussed in the Fall.

#10: Music Reporting

Debbie asked that Mass Parts be included in music ministry reports.

#11: Building Security

Starting this summer, the alarm system will be activated weeknights at midnight, with a warning a few minutes prior to activation. Weekend alarm times TBA. All groups now have door and Sacristy access keys/cards.

#12: Workshops

Bob reported that the Gerry Galipeau workshop was a two hour "commercial" for his music, and not too valuable. St. Benedicts will host a Bob Hurd in October.

Action: Debbie will share details when available.

Next Meeting: Sept. 30, Noon