

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
Worship Commission
May 13, 2008

The meeting opened with a spontaneous prayer.

Attending: Paul Kaiser, Tammy Nathe, Ed Kelley, Mary Dupuis.

Surveys: The council has not seen the surveys yet, but Paul spoke on how he was organizing the comments. Ed is collating the number responses and will present that at the council meeting, also.

Hymnals: The parish now uses paperback hymnals that change every Advent for the new liturgical year. There is also a plastic cover to protect the hymnal. Hard-back hymnals were discussed several years ago, and the commission decided to continue using the paperback. Is it time for hardback? The cost is broken down as such:

	Hardback (700 copies, initial order)	Paperback
	\$12.50 ea (10 year life expectancy)	\$3.85 ea
	X 700	X 700
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Initial outlay	\$8750.00	\$2695.00
	Replacement covers (Probably @ 50 year)	\$ 1.90

We also purchase missalettes with the Sunday readings, 50 issues @ \$5.10 / year, accompaniment materials and support materials (Prayers of the Faithful, Today's Liturgy planner, etc.)

An objection was raised as to whether we should be spending a large initial outlay with the uncertainty of the current expenses. Hardback hymnals could be a good investment eventually, but not immediately. Another "fundraiser" to pay for at least a portion of the books (bookplate project) was discouraged: people will take "their" book home, no more nickel-and-diming right now.

Budget: The budget is in process, and the hope is that the accuracy of the numbers will improve – some of the expenses have probably been put in the incorrect category. This will take some vigilance, careful marking and the ability to adjust an expense if incorrectly assigned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, at 7:00p.m. in the parish office conference room. (Moved to 3rd week because Council moved their meeting to the 2nd week).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dupuis