

## Arts and Liturgical Environment Committee (ALEC)

Meeting December 4, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

Present were Fr. Bob, Sal, Connie, Chris, Michele, George, and Erwin

Fr. Bob led us in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (October 31<sup>st</sup>) were reviewed. Fr. Bob said Scott or Allan would know the correct cost for the kneelers for the church. There was a motion by Chris to accept the minutes and George seconded it. All were in favor of accepting the minutes from the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Michele brought up the weekly floral arrangements for the church. She thought the floral arrangements should be placed in front of the pillar walls, not in front of the Altar. She said she thought nothing should detract from the beauty of the altar and stone. All were in agreement. Regarding the church, Chris said she thought it was important to have signs identifying the physical hardship and handicap seating; in back and front of the church. The committee agreed the placement of signs should be a priority. (No one was assigned to place the order or install the signs.)

We read a letter from a parishioner. It was her follow-up after talking with Fr. Bob. Fr. Bob announced courses were starting by the Blessed Edmund Rice School. Liturgical Time and Prayer at St. Leo in Bonita Springs on Mondays; Introduction to the New Testament at St. John the Evangelist in Naples on Mondays. Michele also said she had a VCR tape, A History of the Mass that we could possibly view at a meeting.

There was an open discussion regarding being ready for the Christmas Mass Celebration with decorations. Fabric (gold) is needed as a backdrop for the poinsettia plants. Connie and Chris will see if they can find appropriate fabric. Michele will make bows for the wreaths as well as for all the Altar candles. Plastic pans are needed for placing the poinsettias on so water doesn't ruin the wood or floor. Fifteen or more poinsettia plants are needed for the Nativity scene and for hiding the electrical outlets where the wreaths will be hung. December 23<sup>rd</sup> all are asked to help install the platforms and decorate the church, as it will take several hours. The live white poinsettia plants from flowers by Kristi will arrive December 21<sup>st</sup> and will need to be unwrapped immediately. High school kids from the Youth Ministry Program will also help decorate the church Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The next order of business was the Crucifix and Corpus. George told Fr. Bob that some committee members met on November 12<sup>th</sup> to select a Corpus. George distributed a handout of various artists for the Corpus and for the Blessed Virgin. Not all members were present at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting so Fr. Bob presented the samples to Sal and Michele for their vote. Fr. Bob will look at the top three selections recommended by the committee and advise us at our next ALEC meeting.

Erwin showed up a finished Station of the Cross that he had bronzed. We took it inside the church to see how it would look against the wall. There were some suggestions

regarding the bronzing color. All were in agreement that the Stations are beautiful works of art.

Fr. Bob asked us how we voted regarding the Tabernacle (ordering a new one or using the one that was refinished). There was an open discussion how well the refinished Tabernacle looked in the church and that it had a wheat design consistent with the church design. Chris made a motion for installing the refinished Tabernacle, George seconded and all were in favor. The marble base is being selected. There will be two or three steps leading to the Tabernacle and the base should be here in approximately 3 months (March or April 2008). Fr. Bob recommended one or two steps, not three. There was a brief discussion of a Marian statue. Erwin is going to consult the artist concerning the Corpus and Blessed Virgin statue being similar in art design. Fr. Bob showed options for the statue, Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Fr. Bob is selecting the bulletin board for the Narthex and will order it. Fr. Bob will ask Scott to order an additional confessional kit. George will order the confessional lights.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Rectory. It will be a dinner meeting. Fr. Bob led ALEC in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Brehm