

Worship Commission

St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco

Meeting Notes – January 22, 2003
Xavier Hall – 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Nick Rocchio, Acting Chairperson
Don Crean – Director of Liturgy
Jonathan Dimmock – Director of Music
Fr. Jim Blaetler, S.J., Associate Pastor
Ofelia Alayeto
Kevin Boden
Maria Boden
Bill Campbell
Howard Case
Wil Krekel
Victoria Siu
Stephen St. Marie
Nick Rocchio

Acting Chairperson Rocchio called the meeting to order and offered a prayer.

The Order of Business

This meeting was scheduled as an addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings specifically to address planning for Lent and Easter, and that agenda was sole order of business, however in light of the recently revealed financial crisis in the parish, time was set aside to review the Strategic Planning Meeting and the cuts in the scheduled cuts in the Music Program.

Report from the Strategic Planning Meeting

From this committee, Nick, John, Steven, Jonathan and Don attended the Strategic Planning Meeting, some also representing other entities.

The goal of the meeting was to prepare a new and updated Mission Statement for the parish with a goal of setting goals for our future. It was reported that much of the work of the Strategic Planning Meeting was eclipsed by the financial crisis. The meeting ended with a commitment to publish a Vision Statement that will be made available to all.

- **Action Item** → Steven St. Marie will distribute the notes from this meeting to the Worship Commission.

Report from the Music Advisory Committee

Jonathan Dimmock reported that the Music Advisory Subcommittee had an emergency meeting on January 15th to discuss the financial crisis, the scheduled changes to the music and the effect on the liturgy, and to brainstorm for ideas and solutions.

Music Program Reduction in Service

- 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. masses will have no music
- The 9:30 mass will not have a separate accompanist
- The 11:00 mass will have a choir only 2 Sundays a month. It is possible that there will be a volunteer woman's choir on alternate Sundays.

Music Program Savings

The music department is eliminating or reducing positions and program, resulting in an annual decrease of \$92,000. Aside from the Director's salary, this is a cut of more than 90%.

Music Program Outlook

Jonathan reported that from this adversary there was an opportunity to build "**the completeness of vision.**" Among the ideas being investigated for funding of the music program that are being investigated are **1> A music fund-raiser concert** at the church featuring the Motet Choir & the great Fredrica von Stade, who Jonathan believes would probably be amenable to this project, and **2> Targeted giving.**

Lent Planning

Each of the planned services were reviewed and discussed with a goal to provide Don and Jonathan guidance in planning this year's services. Tools used to support the discussion were Minutes from last year's Lent-Easter service review by this committee and meeting brainstorming notes from last month's meeting on this topic.

Music Program Special Programs

Additionally, Jonathan reported on two programs being formed for Lent-Easter:

- **Adult Vigil Choir:** This all men's choir is being formed to provide specific accompaniment for Lent Services, especially to perform with the Contemporary Choir at the Easter Vigil Service.
- **Christ's Passion as Prayer through Music:** Jonathan and Fr. Jim are planning on co-teaching a Tuesday-Evening 4-week seminar on J.S. Bach's *St. Mathew Passion*, to be followed by attendance at a performance at Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley by the Bach Collegium Japan on Sunday April 6. Ophelia is arranging for a block of tickets for the attendees.

Ash Wednesday – March 5th

- Services will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., & 7:30 p.m., with music at the latter.
- The Motet Choir is budgeted
- What to say performing the application of the ashes?
"Remember man, that you are dust – and unto dust you shall return."

Burning of the palms – March 2nd

- We will reinstate a burning ceremony the Sunday before with a ceremonious procession. We will try to do the burning at the crossing in the nave but consultation with Ray will be necessary.
- Notice the week before for people to bring their old palms the next week

Lenten Reconciliation Service – March 10th, 7:30 pm.

- Scheduled for an early Monday of Lent, preferably at the above date, but scheduling conflicts might move it to March 24th.

Palm Sunday – April 13th

- Start the service with a procession: 9:30 for the lawn, 11:00 from the back of the church.
- The Passion to be acted-out by students from the University and read tre-partie

Holy Thursday

- Washing of the feet: 2-5 stations for the washing: at least 2 raised in the Sanctuary and the rest throughout the church – at the end of pews. The committee should find more foot washers. We should invite all that want to come forward, but make sure it made optional.
- combined choirs
- Try for lots – maybe 30 priests

Good Friday – April 18th, 12:00 p.m. (Tre Ore) - 2:00 p.m. service

- **Tre Ore** – Most likely will be Fr. Lucas with the large Screen and images of the Passion
- Special request for “*Where you there when they crucified my Lord?*”

Tenebre Service

- Dropped this year
- Stations of the Cross will replace – with meditations at each station.

The Easter Vigil – April 19th, 8:00 p.m.

- Last year was exemplary – We’ll attempt to do it just like that.

Easter Sunday

- No budget for brass – possibility of getting support from the university music department.

A Theme for Lent

- Discussion continued from last week’s meeting on developing a theme for Lent based on Reconciliation, with an emphasis on **Forgiveness**.

Flyer for Lent – Easter Services

- It was agreed that it important to have a flyer describing the services and announcing the schedule.

Other Announcements

- **Retreat on General Instruction – March 8th**
- **Bible Studies for Kids- Wil**
- **Mission Statement for the Worship Commission**
 - Steven distributed another and hopefully last – version of the Mission Statement to be reviewed and approved for adoption at the next meeting. This version incorporated changes and additions submitted by Howard.

Next Meeting – February 12th, 6:30 p.m.

Summery of Action Items:

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
Distribute notes from the Parish Planning Meeting	Steve S.	Not specified

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