

St. Ignatius Parish  
Worship Committee  
Minutes of November 12, 2003 Meeting

Committee Members Present:

John Bitterman presiding  
Kevin Boden  
Gerry Cole  
Vicki Siu  
Stephen St. Marie  
Nick Rocchio  
Howard Case

Staff Present:

Fr. Jim Blaettler  
Don Crean  
Ray Frost

**Opening Prayer:** Ray Frost led the group in an opening prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the October meeting were adopted.

**The Published Agenda for this meeting:**

1. Opening prayer
2. Adoption of October meeting minutes
3. All Souls Day: review - Don Crean
4. Thanksgiving Day mass: What time? Don Crean
5. Christmas Decorations: feedback/ help decorating trees etc. in church - Ray Frost
6. Christmas masses: follow-up - Don Crean
7. Worship Commission membership: follow-up - Don Crean
8. Additional Business
  - a) Flooring Subcommittee update - Nick Rocchio
  - b) Sound System subcommittee update - Howard Case
  - c) Outdoor street sign update - Kevin Boden
  - d) Church pamphlet update - Fr. Jim
9. Termination of subcommittees - John Bitterman
10. December meeting - Christmas Party details - Don Crean

**All Souls Day Review – Don Crean**

- Though the group had previously endorsed leaving out cards for parishioners to put the names of loved ones on, the parish did not use this method for it became too difficult and complicated.
- The presentation of the side alter was well received.
- There was a blessing of the altar at each mass.
- Fauré's Requiem at 11:00

**Thanksgiving Mass:** Thanksgiving mass will be 11:00

**Christmas Decorations – Don Crean**

- Toned down due to budget
- Volunteers to bring down the decorations from storage attic on 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>
- John recommended the CCF as Community Service project be encouraged to assist in the decoration of the church.
- Trees being delivered 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Decorations will not be up for Sunday before Christmas for they would have to be decorated weekend before, and that would be too long (dangerous-dry) to make it to Epiphany.

**Christmas Masses – Don Crean**

4:00 p.m. Family Mass will include a children's choir directed by Tim Murphy.

8:00 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble Choir.

Midnight. Motet choir

8:00 a.m. Organ and Cantor

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Ensemble, mostly repeating music from 8:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. Motet choir, mostly repeating music from Midnight.

**Committee Reports**

**Sign Committee – Kevin Boden**

Kevin reported that he met with the pastor about this project. Putting up a large sign outside the church is not a priority at this time, and it cannot be done within our current budget. So we are disbanding committee and putting the project on hold.

**Floor Committee – Nick Rocchio**

Things are going well. There is a meeting tomorrow with Ed Panasci to present a preliminary design plan.

**Sound Committee – Howard Case**

The first sound test of a new speaker system went very well. A written report was sent to all commission members. The speaker provides a vast improvement in intelligibility. There is a second test scheduled for November 24 of a similar "class" speaker, which is less expensive and is expected to be superior for music.

**Pamphlet Committee – Fr. Jim Blaettler.** No progress to report.

**Membership Committee – John Bitterman**

- There have been two responses to our requests for new potential members of this committee. Our goal is 15 members.
- John made motion, which passed, for Don to craft letter to send along with the Job Description of Commission to invite some targeted people to join our Jan meeting. Suggested candidate names from each liturgy were put forth.

**Termination of Subcommittees – John Bitterman**

Our chairman put this item on the agenda. The problem is that the committee has taken on a number of jobs that are not really liturgical in nature, such as getting new carpeting for the church. Committee members are competent to advise on the scope and idea of the projects, but we are not administrators, or architects. Nor do we have the appropriate skills to supervise the final work of these projects. So at some point we should bow out and hand over the projects to parish staff, who will get the people with appropriate skills involved. It was agreed after much discussion that it is not possible to disband our subcommittees immediately when our recommendation is made. The role of each subcommittee changes from advice to follow-through and guidance. The actual business relationship passes to the parish's business manager.

**NOTICES:**

1. Theresa Bell is setting up a Choir Retreat.
2. Fr. Jim: For Jan agenda: LENT plus a possible retreat for the Parish.
3. Next Commission meeting is a reception at pastor's residence – potluck, sign-up sheet distributed.