

**St. Ignatius Parish – San Francisco
Worship Commission
Minutes of March 10, 2004 Meeting**

Committee Members Present:

Barbara Berman
John Bitterman – President
Howard Case
Diane Del Chiaro
Bill O’Neill
Hilary Paskowitz
Michelle Rios
Vicky Siu
Stephen St. Marie – Secretary

Staff Present:

Don Crean
Terry Jensen

Guests:

Rusty Reily – Pastoral Council

Minutes reported by Stephen St. Marie (this is a draft)

Opening Prayer: Barbara Berman led the group in an opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting, not having been distributed in advance, were tabled and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Holy Week Wrap-Up – Don Crean reporting

Note that most of the preparation for Lent and Easter was accomplished at earlier meetings. This meeting focused on details of Holy Week.

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Alter Servers

Don is doing follow-up. Melanie Bailey is doing some recruitment and Kevin Boden is doing specific sign-ups for Lector assignments. Don is working on Youth Alter Servers and will recruit for Holy Week.

Holy Thursday

Don will recruit people to carry the oil on Holy Thursday.

Note that this year instead of a food drive, there will be a towel drive.

Members pointed out that this change needs to be announced from the alter and should not be left only to bulletin announcements.

Good Friday

The Good Friday celebrations will consist of a two-hour celebration of the Last Seven Words, followed by a one-hour celebration of the Lord’s Passion.

The Last Seven Words celebration will begin at noon. It will include five priests. There will be a simple pattern of a reading from the gospels, a short homily, silence, and some music. Then the pattern will be repeated for the total of two hours. The music will be by Mich Steacey and Tim K Murphy with the possible addition of section leaders.

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 2:00 p.m. and run for one hour until 3:00 p.m.

There will also be Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. The Stations will feature current petitions developed by the Social Justice Committee. This service will feature unaccompanied musical chant.

Holy Saturday Vigil

The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and will feature the baptism of 12 adults plus several children.

Easter Sunday

We will have four brass players at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

John suggests we have kids sing at the 9:30 a.m. mass at the post-communion reflection.

Reconciliation Service

Don suggests that Terry and a cantor will be the music. Michelle and Stephen both suggested that the 9:30-5:00 choir be invited to sing at that service. That is what we have done in the past.

Pastoral Council Update – Rusty Reily reporting

Rusty reminded us of the progress of the parish since its founding in 1994. She noted that the parish has done much to further the Apostolic Goals of the California Province of the Society of Jesus. Those goals are: Fostering partnership in our Ignatian mission; strengthening solidarity with the poor; responding to the diversity of our province; and evangelizing contemporary culture. The parish leaders determined that we needed a new view and analysis. The members of the Pastoral Council did a "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis and carried out a series of workshops and brainstorming sessions. The leaders determined that the vision of the parish should be to look forward to 2014 – 10 years from now, 20 years a parish, and 100 years at this location.

Vision is what we want to achieve by a date.

Mission is what we do and intend to do, and it includes the practical steps to realize the Vision.

Our parish, like all parishes, contains an active group of about one-third of its enrolled members. In fact, you might say that we follow the 20/80 rule, under which about 20-percent of members do about 80-percent of the work.

Various groups within the parish have worked on the Vision and their Strategic Planning Goals. Rusty stated that our group, the Liturgy Commission, is to discern how

we are to apply the parish mission and vision to our work and to report to the Pastoral Council in June.

There was much discussion of examples of recommendations the Mission Commission could develop, including a discussion of the fact that we have a hard time fulfilling our most basic mission, which is to plan and review our liturgies.

Music Department Update – Terry Jensen reporting

Terry reported that the 11:00 choir is now using microphones and the speaker system, allowing the small number of members of that group to fill the church with sound. The repertoire is more varied than before, featuring both traditional and contemporary pieces. They have one new member, bringing the total to eight.

There was discussion of the repertoire and the limitations on the use of the existing library of music, and on the purchase of new music. The 11:00 choir does one motet-type piece each week instead of the traditional two motet pieces. Terry's goal is a group of 20 singers. Once that level of participation is achieved, it will be possible to go to 30, as potential members will have confidence that comes with singing in a large group.

There was an expanded discussion of the nature of the music at the 11:00 mass and the beginnings of a discussion of the entire liturgy. However, that topic is to be discussed at a future meeting, and it was tabled.

Hilary moved that the next meeting begin a conversation about the 11:00 mass. Barbara seconded. The motion passed.

U Follow-up item: Discussion of the 11:00 liturgy at April meeting.

Chairmanship of the Liturgy Commission – John Bitterman reporting

As noted during the February meeting, John Bitterman has concluded his term and will roll off the Commission as of the end of this meeting.

Fr. Gagan asked Stephen St. Marie to become the next chairman. Of course, Stephen accepted the assignment.

There was a round of applause for John Bitterman and thanks for his hard work.

John asked for a volunteer to be Secretary, as Stephen will leave that post when he becomes Chairman. No one volunteered. That means that Stephen will assign a note taker at the beginning of each meeting.

Sound System Report – Howard Case reporting

Howard followed up on the previous month's report by indicating that there is now a budget for the sound system, and it looks like it can be installed by August.

Constitution of the Liturgy – Don Crean leading

The Commission watched a section of a video regarding the Second Vatican Council, and the group began a discussion of the role of the Worship Commission. In very few words, the function of the Worship Commission is to advise staff regarding liturgical matters. We have struggled to do that. We have not been able to take up larger

issues, but have had to focus on smaller issues. Don noted that as we continue to study and discuss the Constitution, we will become better prepared to take on other issues.

Next month, we will do more on the Constitution.

U Follow-up item: More on the Constitution at the April meeting.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45.

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