

## **Minutes for Worship Committee meeting 2/2/05**

Committee members present: Stephen St. Marie (chairperson), Kevin Boden, Maria Boden, Hilary Paskowitz (acting secretary), Michelle Rios, Nick Rocchio, Vicky Siu, and Terry Jensen (staff).

Meeting began at 6:35 with a prayer led by Michelle Rios.

Michelle Rios moved that the January minutes be passed with corrections noted, Nick Rocchio seconded and the minutes were passed by acclamation. (Revised January minutes will be circulated.)

For the March meeting, Stephen St. Marie will provide snacks and Nick Rocchio will lead the opening prayer.

The committee discussed the upcoming liturgies of Lent.

Musical selections for the Ash Wednesday and other Lenten services were suggested. Michelle Rios will forward the list to Tim Murphy.

For the Reconciliation Service on March 15 at 7 PM, the same format as the Advent Service of readings and reflections will be used. Terry Jensen and Michelle Rios suggested that the service could be built around themes of initiation, community, and participation prominent in cycle A readings this year. The Reconciliation Service sub-committee of Hilary Paskowitz, Michelle Rios, Terry Jensen, and Don Crean will meet to plan the service.

The Palm Sunday Gospel reading will be done in three parts with three readers. Kevin Boden will explore ways to mike the choir and the presider during the outdoor blessing of the palms.

At the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, we will repeat the foot-washing stations used last year, in which the RCIA participants were in front of the altar and representatives of various parish committees washed feet in the side aisles. Stephen St. Marie will contact other committees to designate a representative. We will also introduce a foot-washing station in the central crossing where any mass participant may have a foot washed. Maria Boden will wash at this station and invite someone to be first. This station will be announced to the congregation from the altar. We hope to encourage more participation in the foot washing ritual for future years. We must also consider how to give choir members the opportunity to have a foot washed in the future.

For the Good Friday Seven Last Words Service, Don Crean is soliciting suggestions for lay preachers to participate, particularly women. The Worship Committee recommends Ofelia Aleyoto, Sally Vance-Trembath, Michelle Rios, and Zack Sarin. The committee also particularly endorsed Don Crean participating himself as one of the preachers.

For the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Kevin Boden will solicit lectors beginning with those who participated last year.

During the Holy Saturday Vigil mass, it is the sense of the Worship Committee that the young elect should be seated with their godparents/sponsors rather than all together in a somewhat isolated group. The musical response after each baptism will be changed from last year's "Christ be our light" to a shorter selection. An Alleluia selection is particularly recommended. Unlike last year, the first communicants will face the altar while receiving communion. The readings involving music and movement around the church will be repeated as they were performed last year. Terry Jensen noted that the creation reading around the church will be even better this year with the new sound system. The reader of the Exodus reading and the drummer will practice together ahead of time. Michelle Rios moved that a more in-depth discussion of the readings and music for Holy Saturday be discussed at the next meeting. Hilary Paskowitz seconded. The motion passed.

For Easter Sunday masses, a cantor and a pianist will be hired for the 8 am mass. The music directors plan a meeting to discuss specific plans, including hiring brass, on Sunday, February 6.

Various members of the Worship Committee will assist Don Crean with logistical arrangements for each of the celebrations. Kevin Boden will work with lectors for all the services. Maria Boden will assist for Holy Thursday. Hilary Paskowitz will assist with the Seven Last Words and Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Vicki Siu and Nick Rocchio will assist with the Vigil.

Nick Rocchio reported for the church flooring committee. All the old carpet has been removed and the new carpet will be delivered soon. There will be some interim flooring stage as the new flooring is installed. The decision to put in the wood laminate flooring was good because the discovery of steel plates in the floor made the original finishing plan impossible. The new flooring should be completed a week or two before Easter.

Kevin Boden reported for the sound system committee, which will be disbanded shortly. The system is fully installed and the final payment is about to be made. Training sessions will be held after Easter. Michelle Rios suggested that a cantoring workshop is particularly needed to train new cantors in general and on the sound system in particular. Kevin Boden noted that due to the clarity of the new sound system we need to focus more attention upon teaching lectors how to speak properly in this context.

At the next meeting, the committee will discuss the general lack of Eucharistic ministers and lectors.

Michael Collins, who organizes Gregorian chant masses at Saints Peter and Paul has approached St. Ignatius about doing a Gregorian chant mass. Terry Jensen will bring the suggest before the music directors' meeting on February 6. Hilary Paskowitz states that she has added these masses at Ss. Peter and Paul and they are well done. Kevin Boden

will attend the next mass (February 6) for an outside opinion and report back to the committee.

Participation by Worship Committee members has declined recently. Stephen St. Marie will call all members on the roster to determine their intentions. The membership sub-committee will then meet to review suggestions of potential new members. The current committee size is 12. Ideally the committee should have 15 members, exclusive of ex officio staff members.

The meeting concluded with an Our Father and adjourned at 8:05.