

**St. Ignatius Church - San Francisco  
Worship Committee Minutes  
September 14, 2005**

**Attending**

Stephen St. Marie (chair), Phyllis Bonocore (guest), Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Reed Minuth, Hilary Paskowitz, Michelle Ríos, Nick Rocchio, Vicky Siu, Steve Wilkes, Don Crean (staff)

**Ordinary Business**

The opening prayer was led by Steve Wilkes  
Minutes of the May 4, 2005 meeting were approved with amended attendance record.  
The Committee noted that the June, July and August 2005 meetings had all been cancelled.

The next meeting will be held on **October 12, 6:00-7:30 pm (new time)**. Kevin Boden will lead the opening prayer and Diane Del Chiaro will bring snacks for the next meeting.

**New Business**

**Music before Mass**

The Worship Committee discussed the suggestion from a parishioner to provide music for 10-15 minutes before Mass. Music can support a quiet meditation prior to the service, but it was agreed that participatory singing would not be appropriate. Also, if music is provided formally, 3-5 minutes would be an appropriate duration. However, any effort would involve additional preparation for the choirs; use of recorded music would involve copyright issues.

As music is already provided informally during choir rehearsals in the sanctuary before Masses (as well as an instrumental prelude before most 11:00 Masses), no further action is recommended at this time.

**October Project**

A suggestion had been made that St. Ignatius develop a program in support of the October Project, which recognizes the conjunction of holidays and feasts for several faith communities during this month.

The Worship Committee agreed that no such program could be developed for this year. Also, that any major interfaith service is most appropriately sponsored at the diocesan level. However, it may be appropriate in future to explore some recognition of the diversity of the parish. We also discussed developing links to other congregations in our neighborhood, and approved the following resolution:

*The Worship Committee recommends to the Pastoral Council that St. Ignatius Church develop an ecumenical outreach program of interfaith cooperation and education with local / neighborhood faith communities.*

### **Reconciliation Subcommittee**

Hilary Paskowitz, chair of the Reconciliation Subcommittee, will be leaving the country for one year for educational purposes, and the chairmanship of the subcommittee has passed to Michelle Ríos. Hilary does intend to return to St. Ignatius and the Worship Committee upon completion of her work abroad.

The Reconciliation Subcommittee had proffered a resolution recommending monthly communal reconciliation services be held at St. Ignatius; the resolution passed via email voting during the summer. The subcommittee noted that the preferred time for such services would be 3:30 pm on the first Sunday of the month (with first Friday evenings as an alternative). This will also require a firm commitment from the parish to hold such services for a minimum of 12 months, after which we can adequately evaluate the success of the program.

To encourage participation, the parish should provide catechesis regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a period of 4-6 weeks prior to the first regular service, via bulletin inserts and / or homilies. The Reconciliation Subcommittee suggests that the first service be scheduled prior to Advent on November 6th (the first Sunday), and that the education program take place during October.

We resolved:

*The Worship Committee heartily endorses the concept of St. Ignatius sponsoring a monthly Reconciliation service, to be held on the first Sunday of each month for at least 12 months, and that appropriate catechesis materials be developed to educate our parish about the Sacrament, and requests pastoral approval of this proposal.*

### **Sound Monitor Ministry**

Kevin Boden, who was unavoidably absent from the meeting, sent a suggestion for a sound-monitor ministry for the committee's attention. He suggested that St. Ignatius parish develop a program to realize the full potential of the recently installed sound and video system. Such a program would consist of training a team of individuals to monitor and adjust sound functions during Masses, with the potential to expand our capacity to provide such services at special events and functions, to utilize the data capabilities to broadcast services via the internet, etc. Kevin's e-mail contained an outline of this proposal, and the Worship Committee endorsed it with the following resolution:

*The Worship Committee endorses the concept of developing a sound monitor ministry for St. Ignatius Church, and forwards this proposal to the pastor with our recommendation.*

### **Liturgical and Special Events**

There are no major liturgical events or other special events requiring Worship Commission input prior to our next meeting, but we note that Advent will begin on November 27, 2005, and we should be prepared to discuss these special liturgies at our next meeting in October.

We will have a blessing of the catechism teachers on September 18. The Rite of Acceptance for the RCIA catechumens will take place during the 9:30 Mass on \_\_\_\_\_ [DATE?]. Both of these events will be incorporated into the regular liturgy.

Various parishioners have expressed their enthusiasm for the Corpus Christi congregation procession, and we will investigate opportunities for other simple processions on special occasions.

### **Music Program**

The Finance Committee has approved funding for four paid section leaders for the Contemporary Ensemble, and Tim Murphy is currently looking for appropriate candidates. Grace Renaud has been hired for one of the positions, and provides both vocal leadership and instrumental support for the 5:00 Mass.

Mary Abernathy, who directs the St. Ignatius College Prep High School choir, is in discussions with Tim and Don about having SICP students participate in the music ministry for the 5:00pm Mass. Students may also serve as greeters at this Mass.

Updates on both items will be presented at the next meeting.

### **St. Ignatius Parish Clothing**

The Worship Committee recommends that the Stewardship Committee explore producing new parish sweatshirts and t-shirts, based on the enthusiasm expressed at the recent parish picnic for such items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.