

St. Ignatius Church - San Francisco
Worship Committee Minutes
November 9, 2005

Attending

Stephen St. Marie (chair), Kevin Boden, Maria Boden, Phyllis Bonacore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Reed Minuth, Michelle Ríos (secretary), Nick Rocchio, Vicky Siu, Steve Wilkes, Don Crean (staff)

Ordinary Business

The opening prayer was led by Phyllis Bonacore.

Minutes of the October 12th meeting were approved.

The next meeting, in December, will be a holiday potluck celebration. The next working meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2006.

Advent

The Committee reviewed the themes of the season, and of the Advent Sunday gospel readings. The church will be decorated during the week of December 19th: trees will be placed on Wednesday, December 21, and the other decorations will be installed on Monday and Tuesday. Anyone who wants to help should notify Don. It was noted that the carpet and flooring should always be protected when the cherry picker is used.

Giving trees will be placed in the church the first Sunday of Advent (November 27); that will also be the day for the annual blanket appeal by Fr. Lucas.

Christmas

December 24

- 4:00pm – Children’s Mass. Will include music by the Children’s Choir under the direction of Tim Murphy, with Matt Schaeffer assisting. The rehearsal schedule will be announced in the bulletin this week.
- 8:00pm – Music by the Contemporary Ensemble. Tim needs to confirm if any additional musicians will be hire (strings, no brass).
- Midnight Mass – will be preceded by Lessons & Carols at 11:00pm; music will be provided by the 11:00 Choir. Extra musicians (strings) have been hired for this service.

December 25

- 8:00am – Don still needs to hire an organist & cantor for this Mass.
- 9:30am – Contemporary Ensemble
- 11:00am – 11:00 Choir
- There will be NO 5:00pm Mass on Christmas or January 1st.

Assistance

- We need more lectors and Eucharistic ministers to confirm attendance at these services.
- The confirmation class will provide greeters for Masses throughout the season; they can also help move gifts from the giving trees to the sanctuary after services.

Reconciliation Services

We are prepared to begin our year of monthly communal services.

Bulletin inserts have been prepared for the three Sundays before the first service: (1) Types of services, (2) Communal & individual elements, (3) An invitation to participate.

The Reconciliation Subcommittee will meet in two weeks to prepare the readings and other elements of the first service.

We are also gathering materials to provide reference information on the parish web site (bibliography, web links, etc.)

Hospitality / Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee has provided some ideas for review by the Worship Committee:

- Encourage greeting those around us at the beginning of mass. Cantor would issue an invitation (not the presider).
- Add a “community greeting” at the top of the service leaflets
- Invite people to hold hands during the Our Father (Note that this is not encouraged by the Bishops Conference)
- Encourage people to move in along pews when seating (Ushers?)
- Establish a system to have people bring up the offertory gifts – Current system is ad hoc, but seems to work.
- Name tags for members of parish groups

After discussion, the Worship Commission resolved: That we endorse the concept of starting services with an invitation to greet those around us, that we suggest this practice begin on the First Sunday of Advent, and that we request Don Crean prepare a script for the cantors to make this invitation.

The Welcome Committee also has suggested that the parish provide small gifts to the congregation during the Advent/Christmas season:

- Advent candle bundle (birthday candle size)
- Holy cards with Advent prayer(s)
- Small candy canes on Christmas

After discussion, the Worship Committee noted that there is not sufficient time to prepare for either of the first two items this year. The concepts are good, although it was suggested that the candle bundle consist of full-size candles with a requested donation, or that the bookstore carry supplies for the season. We do endorse the candy cane giveaway for this year.

Sound Ministry

The concept previously presented has been endorsed by the pastor, and Kevin Boden appointed to chair the effort.

Miscellaneous Items

- The rehabilitated baptistery will be dedicated soon, but we do not yet have a date.
- Scaffolding from the restoration of the Stations of the Cross will be gone by Christmas, as the restoration is nearly complete.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.