

**St. Ignatius Church - San Francisco  
Worship Committee Minutes  
February 15, 2006**

**Attending**

Nick Rocchio (acting chair), Kevin Boden, Maria Boden, Rose Casserly, Reed Minuth, Michelle Ríos (secretary), Vicky Siu, Steve Wilkes, Don Crean (staff), Terry Jensen (staff), Tim Murphy (staff)

**Ordinary Business**

- The opening prayer was led by Rose Casserly.
- The next meeting will be held on **March 8, 6:00-7:30 pm**. Nick Rocchio will lead the opening prayer and Steve Wilkes will bring snacks.
- Minutes from the November 9, 2005 and January 6, 2006 meetings were approved.

**Reconciliation**

- The February service was held on Super Bowl Sunday; only four people attended.
- We need to improve promotion of this sacramental opportunity:
  - Announcements at Masses both week before and day of services
  - We will provide a condensed version of the educational pieces as a *program* insert (not bulletin)
  - The Committee discussed possible education about the value of the sacrament – homilies, retreats, small discussion groups, testimonial about St Gabriel’s experience (opportunity for change over one year), etc. The Reconciliation subcommittee will discuss further and make recommendations.
- Our next two services (March 5, April 2) will both be in Lent, which should improve our attendance record.

**Liturgical Season**

- **Ash Wednesday (March 1)** – will have Masses at 8:00am, 12:05pm, 5:30pm (alumni), 7:00pm, and 9:00pm (students). Request for additional ministers will be included in the liturgical ministry schedule email.
- **Palm Sunday (April 9)** – will have confirmation students assist with the Passion Play at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. We will process from outside at the 9:30 Mass, and from the back of the church at the 11:00 Mass. We may need volunteers to help with installing the palm fronds on Saturday, April 8 – Don will check with the confirmation class.
- **Holy Thursday (April 13)**
  - Celebrant will wash the RCIA members’ feet at the altar
  - St Ignatius ministry representatives will be asked to wash the feet of one invited friend in the nave.
  - We need three Worship Committee representatives to do the “open invitation” foot washing at the central crossing: Kevin Boden and Nick Rocchio volunteered; we need one more, and will confirm at the next meeting.
  - Don needs help in contacting the various ministries and signing up representatives; we will confirm this assistance at the March meeting.
- **Good Friday (April 14)**
  - Tre Ore service: Don will invite a variety of people to preach on the Seven Last Words: Fr. Gagan, Fr. Cameron-Mowat, Therese Canada, Greg Fox, a Jesuit brother from USF, Mary Romo, Sr. Mary Kay [not all are confirmed participants]; additional suggestions can be forwarded to Don. We should also consider a non-spoken sermon: music, dance, sign language? Don will confer with Tim re: possible dancers.

- Stations of the Cross (evening service): Don will ask Jonathan and Ave to provide music for this service.
- We may invite ecumenical leaders to join us for an ecumenical (Christian) service; Don will check into this further.
- **Easter Vigil (April 15) / Easter Sunday (April 16)** – services will be similar to last year's efforts
- **RCIA Scrutinies** will take place as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny, March 19, 9:30am
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny – March 26, 11:00am
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny – April 2, 11:00am
- **Stations of the Cross** will be offered before the noon Mass on Fridays during Lent

### **Music Ministry**

The directors of the music ministry reported briefly to the Committee on recent activities and the status of the choirs.

#### **Tim Murphy, Contemporary Ensemble & Children's Choir**

- There has been a rejuvenation of the Contemporary Ensemble this year
- The choir has gained several younger members, who bring much enthusiasm and energy to the group
- Has found it takes great flexibility in working with volunteers whose schedules vary, particularly in planning ahead on the repertoire. Tim has tried to balance types and challenges in developing music choices
- Parish support of the program is appreciated, especially funding for the vocal workshop. Another session of training is scheduled for February 23.
- Recruitment: there has not been a concentrated effort in the last six months or so; brochures are available around the church; we need to budget time for another push.
- Children's Choir – we could establish a full-time program if additional funding were made available. We could also pursue a Teen Choir, perhaps for the 5:00pm Mass; again, this depends on funding.
- Assistance from the Worship Committee: would appreciate additional funds for training; tangible recognition to volunteers (letter / bulletin notice); annual choir dinner (as noted below)

#### **Terry Jensen, St. Ignatius Choral Ministry**

- The choir has been in rebuilding mode, particularly after Mich Steacy's death; the choir has achieved stability.
- Recently held a cantor workshop, focusing on Vatican II.
- Repertoire with lots of repetition has increased congregation's participation. The repertoire has been revised to be more accessible to volunteers and to increase the spectrum of musical types and eras. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings only.
- Recruitment: have been able to get volunteers; not having quite as much success in keeping them. We have achieved a critical mass (typically about 13 people) to encourage others to join. The new rehearsal space has helped, as some members have mobility issues and the room is easier to reach. Recruitment is primarily through bulletin / program announcements; we need to develop a formal effort.
- Assistance from the Worship Committee: typically, most parishes host an annual choir dinner to recognize members (not a potluck). A letter of recognition would also be appreciated. Token incentives for attendance (a ride on Kevin's boat?) could be another method of encouragement.

The Worship Committee resolved to formally thank and honor the participants in the music ministry.

**Hospitality**

The Valentine hearts giveaway was very successful.

**Recording Secretary**

Michelle noted that she has been recording minutes for over a year, and requested that other members consider whether they could increase their participation in the Worship Committee to include this task.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.