

St Ignatius Church – San Francisco
Worship Commission Minutes
Meeting of May 10, 2006

Attending

Maria Boden, Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Reed Minuth, Michelle Rios, Nick Rocchio, Stephen St. Marie (presiding), Victoria Siu, Steve Wilkes, Don Crean (staff), and Terry Jensen (staff).

Ordinary Business

- Stephen St. Marie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- Kerry Daly led the opening prayer.
- Stephen St. Marie recognized and thanked Michelle Rios for the excellent job she has been doing as Secretary, taking and transcribing the minutes. It was noted that the minutes are posted on the St. Ignatius web site, providing visibility to the Parish on the commission's actions. After having polled the committee membership seeking a volunteer to take over the responsibility of Secretary, Stephen announced Reed Minuth will assume the role of Secretary and take the minutes for a period of six months. Stephen also suggested the task of taking the minutes be rotated among the members of the commission. There was some discussion that the other Parish Committees should publish their minutes on the web site. It was questioned whether minutes were taken at meetings of the other various Parish Committees.
- Minutes of the March 8 meeting were approved after the spelling of Phyllis Bonocore's name (pg 1) was corrected and NO brass accompaniment was planned for the Easter Vigil (pg 2).
- Next meeting date was set for June 7 at 6:00pm. The date differs from the normal second Wednesday of the month, as Don Crean will be in El Salvador to visit our Sister Parish, returning on the 16th. Diane Del Chiaro will lead the prayer and Michelle Rios will supply the snacks. The July meeting is canceled and the August meeting is scheduled for August 9th.

Worship Commission Membership

- Don Crean noted that the membership now numbered thirteen and two additional candidates for membership be identified from the Parish. There was some discussion about identifying parishioners who may be interested. Names should be presented at the August meeting. Steve and Kevin will discuss with Fr. Gagan the names of potential candidates. Newly selected members would then attend their first meeting in September.

Reconciliation

- April 2nd (Sunday before Palm Sunday) had 40-45 people in attendance. Matt Schaffer served as cantor. He also played guitar for that service.
- May 7th virtually no one in attendance. Had been no prior announcement.

- Discussion about getting the word out the Sunday before in the bulletin and service leaflet as well as continuing educating about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Approximately 5-6 people have attended these services on average. It was noted that only one priest needed. Discussed alternative times and re-confirmed Sunday 4pm best time. Decided after discussion to resume Reconciliation Service after a summer hiatus, starting on second Sunday of the month.

Easter Week De-Briefing

- The preparation and performance of music during Holy Week and Easter was stressful for the choir and staff. Observations from the pews were very complimentary: beautiful, moving, well presented.
- Preparation for next year to look at what other parishes do during the two hours prior to Solemn Liturgical Service.
- Passion Plays: Discussion concluded that it is great to have the kids participate, they really enjoy it, creates a bit of reality to the event. Kids' involvement is special, touching, and visually beneficial.
- Palm Sunday: Procession went well even though people still came in through the side doors. Music excellent.
- Holy Thursday: feet-washing ceremony was successful beyond expectations. Towels should be smaller.
- Good Friday: two hour service talks were too long, discussion about need for some motion, song and silence too long at first, compressed as it went on. Better continuity in the speakers theme "Seven Last words." Sister Celeste Arbuckle and singing were excellent.
- Easter Vigil: reflections at each station and themes of suffering in the world need to be "freshened."
- Lectors were excellent. Kevin Boden recognized and complimented for preparation and training.
- Discussion of the music in general. Musically, need to clarify goals in terms of training, parish needs, and choir needs. Music sub-committee needed. Choir needs feedback. Don suggested he, Terry, and Tim address music and the effect on congregational enjoyment and involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Reed Minuth