

**St. Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA**  
**Worship Committee Minutes**  
**Meeting of September 13, 2006**

**Attending:**

Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly (preparing minutes), Diane Del Chiaro, Jeannette Graycar, Michelle Rios, Stephen St. Marie (presiding), Steven Wilkes, and Don Crean (staff).

**Ordinary Business:**

- Diane Del Chiaro led the group in an opening prayer. Michelle Rios brought snacks. Thanks to both.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m.
- Next month Reed Minuth is to lead the opening prayer, and Steve Wilkes will bring a snack.
- The meeting scheduled for August 9 was cancelled. So there are no minutes for that date.
- No minutes were presented from the previous meeting, June 7. Chairman Stephen St. Marie will prepare minutes for approval in October based on the notes Michelle Rios graciously provided.

**Membership Report:**

- Stephen St. Marie introduced Jeannette Graycar, new to this committee. Jeannette serves on the Finance Committee of the parish, and she performs with the Contemporary Ensemble choir.
- Stephen also noted that the Howard Case has left the committee to perform other parish work. As previously noted, Vicky Siu and Nick Rocchio have also moved on to other parish duties.
- It is the goal of the parish to have the committee at nearly full strength. Stephen and Don will be developing nominations to fill out the roster. If members of the Commission have suggestions for additional names, please forward them to Don and Stephen.

**Report on Parish Meeting of September 7**

- Stephen St. Marie reported that he attended a meeting of new parish committee members on September 7 on behalf of this committee. (Also in attendance from this committee were Rose Casserly, Jeannette Graycar, and Michelle Rios.) Most of the new parish committee members were newly appointed to the Finance Committee. At that meeting, heads of all the major committees spoke.
- Stephen explained the work of the Worship Commission.
- At Fr. Gagan's request, Stephen also provided a description of the music program at St. Ignatius parish, including descriptions of the four choirs (Contemporary Ensemble, Classical choir, Children's choir (which is in early formation), and the newly formed choir now appearing at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday mass.

- Stephen also spoke about the recent formation of a Music Advisory Committee to advise the pastor on music policy. At this time, the immediate job of the Music Advisory Committee is to review the applicants for the open position of director of the Classical Choir. The future work of the committee will be to advise the pastor more broadly about all music matters.

#### **Formation of Music Advisory Committee**

- As indicated in the previous item, this new group was formed over the summer at Fr. Gagan's request to assist him in developing music policy and improving the music program. The following are now serving on the Committee: Contemporary Ensemble members Jeannette Graycar and Michelle Rios; Classical Choir member Theresa Bell, other parish volunteers Howard Case and Doug Rioth; and parish staff/contractors Jonathan Dimmock, Tim Murphy, and Don Crean.
- First item of business is to find a replacement for the recently departed director of the Classical Choir, Terry Jensen.
- Additional duties will be to advise on overall organization of the music department and how music responsibilities should be coordinated for holiday seasons.

#### **New Choir Director for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass**

- For over a year the parish has been in discussion with Mary Abinante, liturgy director of St. Ignatius High School, regarding bringing her to St. Ignatius Church to develop a new choir for that mass. In August, at Fr. Gagan's direction, Don Crean made the final arrangements, and now Ms. Abinante has stepped in as music director for the 5:00 p.m. Sunday mass.
- This move is designed to widen the diversity of the types of masses at the parish, and may result in growth among families with older teenagers (post-confirmation). She will work to develop a volunteer choir that will be particular to that mass, and she is already assisting in encouraging the mass attendees to assist in the other ministries for that mass.
- It was recommended that the existence of this liturgy be communicated not only to the families of St. Ignatius High School, but to all the Catholic high schools, indeed, to all the high schools.
- Ms. Abinante appeared briefly at the meeting and was introduced to the committee.

#### **Preparation for the Advent Season**

- Advent begins on Sunday, December 3.
- The committee recommends that the parish celebrate a reconciliation service on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. (Of course, reconciliation remains available at regularly scheduled hours every week.)

#### **New Business**

The members of the Worship Commission requested that Don schedule a tour of the Fromm space, including the redeveloped chapel.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 8:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Kerry K. Daly