

St Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA
Worship Commission Minutes
Meeting October 11, 2006

Attending:

Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Diane Del Chiaro, Jeanette Graycar, Michelle Rios, Steven Wilkes, and Don Crean (presiding, staff).

Ordinary Business:

- Don Crean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in an opening prayer.
- Steve Wilkes brought snacks. Thank you Steve!
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m.
- Next month Michelle Rios will lead the opening prayer, and Phyllis Bonocore will bring a snack.
- The minutes for the meeting of May 10, 2006 were approved as corrected.
- The minutes for the meeting of June 7, 2006 were approved.
- The minutes for the meeting of September 13, 2006 were approved.

Membership Report:

- Don Crean reported he has some prospective members and will invite them to the next meeting on November 8. Don noted the need to rotate members on and off the commission and asked members to suggest additional names.

Liturgical Minister Recruitment Report:

- Don reported that there are several new Eucharistic ministers and lectors. He recently trained five new altar servers.
- There continues to be a need for EMs at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
- Kevin Boden has been meeting with lectors for training on an individual basis.
- Liturgical Minister roster needs to be updated.
- Table set up at Parker St. entrance after masses on October 8 was very successful. It is already proving to be a very effective recruitment tool; several parishioners signed up for Eucharistic Minister and lector.
- As previously discussed, the parish is no longer doing reminder calls to Liturgical ministers, who are supposed to know their schedules and are supposed to find substitutes if they cannot serve. Getting used to the new system is taking some time; there have been some “no shows” without substitutes.

11:00 a.m. Mass Music Director Search Report:

- Michelle Rios reported 13 applications received.
- Phone interviews were conducted.
- Committee is enthusiastic. Auditions for four finalists scheduled for third week in November. Audition will include practical organ works and working with the choirs.

- Unfortunately, whoever is chosen will not be able to start until after Advent and Christmas.

Music Survey Report:

- Don is working with Survey monkey to prepare a survey of parishioners regarding the parish's music program.
- After it is tested by USF, it will be available within the next few weeks. There will be a notice in the parish bulletin. Parishioners will be able to go to the Parish website and take the survey on line or complete a paper survey inserted in the bulletin. The survey will provide valuable feed back from the community and will help the music committee and directors plan the direction of music at St. Ignatius.

Advent Report:

- There will be a reconciliation service December 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- Right of Acceptance for RCIA will take place at 9:30 a.m. mass first Sunday in Advent.
- Processions will start under the Advent wreath.

Liturgy Program suggested by Fr. Blaettler:

- Don reported Fr. Blaettler has suggested doing "Mass in Slow Motion" which is a means of teaching about the parts of the Mass. There was a discussion if November or Advent would be a good time to start, and how to get people interested. Should "Slow Mass" be done during Mass or done as a workshop/lecture series? The members liked the idea of the "Slow Mass".
- Don will e-mail more specific information to members about Slow Mass.

Other Business:

- Don reported that Fr. Gagan has suggested the parish take part in the annual Interfaith prayer service that takes place on Thanksgiving Day. It is sponsored by the San Francisco Interfaith Council. The Council meets monthly and is regularly attended by Fr. Gagan and Don. This year the service will be at Grace Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. In the future, St. Ignatius could hold the service
- The members thought the interfaith service was a good idea and that it provided parishioners the opportunity to grow and be exposed and opened to other faiths.
- There would still be the usual daily 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses on Thanksgiving, but there would not be an 11:00 a.m. Mass.
- Diane Del Chiaro reported that hospitality after the Sunday masses is back in the Maraschi Room which is available to the parish for all of 2007.
- More people are attending the coffee hour after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. There is still a need for more volunteers so there can be a rotation of helpers.
- Don reported 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass is a good mix of teenagers, parishioners, USF students. Priests from USF and the parish preside. Hospitality takes place outside on the East Lawn.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Casserly