

**St. Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA  
Worship Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2007**

**Attending:**

Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Jeanette Graycar, Reed Minuth, Hilary Paskowitz, Michelle Rios, Stephen St. Marie (presiding), Don Crean (staff).

**Ordinary Business:**

- Stephen St. Marie called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and led with a prayer reading.
- Rose Casserly provided snacks.
- The next meeting was set for Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
  - Kerry Daly to bring snacks
  - Steve Wilkes to lead the prayer.
- Minutes to the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were corrected and accepted.

**Liturgical and Special Events**

- Advent/Christmas debriefing
  - The Advent Reconciliation Service was attended by an estimated 40-50 people. There was some discussion on priest staffing and the time allocated for the individual confessions of sin at this Communal Penance Service.
  - The Christmas Eve Masses:
    - § 4:00 p.m. vigil: 1,700-2,000 attended (included the bulk of the regular 9:30 a.m. community)
    - § 8:00 p.m. vigil: 600-700 (up from last year)
  - Christmas Morning Masses:
    - § Midnight mass: Approximately 1,500 attended.
    - § 8:00 a.m.: 150-200 (the usual 8am community)
    - § 9:30 a.m.: 300
    - § 11:00 a.m.: 500-600 (lighter than expected)
- Christmas 2007 will be on a Tuesday.
  - The group discussed whether the mass schedule is satisfactory or should be changed, based on the differences in attendance among the masses.
  - **A motion passed to continue the same schedule for Christmas Masses this year.**
- Lent Preparation.
  - Ash Wednesday is February 21, Palm Sunday is April 1, and Easter is April 8.
  - Reconciliation Service is scheduled for March 27, 7:00 p.m.
  - On Good Friday, the Provincial Team will be assisting in the reading for the three hour service, Seven Last Words of Christ.
  - RCIA group will be doing scrutiny for the readings.

- **Special Mass Recommendation**
  - The Worship Commission wishes to encourage a broader sense of community within the parish by combining the 9:30 and 11 a.m. communities at least once a year. In the past on at least one occasion, the Sunday of the Parish Picnic combined both masses. Pentecost, The Feast of St. Ignatius, and the Feast of the Ascension were presented as other possible feast days for a combined mass.
  - **A motion passed to recommend that the 9:30 and the 11:00am communities combine Masses on May 20<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of the Ascension with the specific time to be determined.**

### **Other Business**

- Hospitality
  - Diane Del Chiaro reported on issues surrounding the hospitality program following the 11 a.m. mass. Frequently there are not enough volunteers to set up and clean up. Organizing teams to serve at specific services each month, similar to the Lectors' schedule was suggested. There was discussion about additional recruitment efforts from the community.
  - Stephen St. Marie will coordinate with Barbara St. Marie and the Hospitality Committee.
  
- Lighting
  - Advent/Christmas Masses: Everyone agreed the new lighting was beautiful, especially the illumination of the dome and ceiling details. The red and green lights proved to be the most controversial. The violet-colored lighting provided a desirable subdued tone to the Advent Reconciliation Service.
  - Ceiling lighting will continue to be installed above the nave.
  
- Sound System
  - Choir zone is under repair. There is a backup amplifier and speakers for the choir. The pulpit mikes and wireless are working.
  - Kevin Boden and Ray Frost will be coordinating with the vendor to ascertain and resolve certain deficiencies in the system.
  
- New Choir Director
  - Walt Knowles has been hired as the new Choir Director for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. He comes with an excellent theological back round. Currently studying for his PhD at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.
  - The Music Advisory Group, which acted as the search committee, will remain active.
  - The Choir continues to seek new members.
  - The Children's Choir was recognized as a welcome addition to the Music Ministry.

- Worship Commission
  - New members continue to be sought from the community. It is hoped that all the communities from all masses be represented on the Worship Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Reed Minuth