

St. Ignatius Parish, San Francisco, CA.
Worship Commission Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2007

Attending:

Don Crean (Staff), Kevin Boden, Maria Boden, Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Jeannette Graycar, Hilary Paskowitz, Stephen St. Marie (presiding),

Ordinary Business

- The meeting was called to order by Stephen St. Marie at 6:45pm.
- Maria Boden led the group in an opening prayer.
- Hilary Paskowitz provided refreshments for everyone.
- The date for next month's meeting will be Wednesday May 9 at 6:30pm.
- Phyllis Bonocore will lead the group in prayer, and Reed Minuth will provide refreshments.
- The March minutes were reviewed and corrected.
- There was a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and the March minutes were approved.

Ministry to the Homebound

- Hilary Paskowitz provided a report on ministry to the sick and homebound. She had spoken with Mary Pat Dowd, who directs this ministry. The parish continues to struggle with the process of calling the ministers forward to receive a pyx to carry the Eucharist to the homebound. A few have put name labels on their pyxes and brought them to the altar before mass. However not all do that. There are several reasons. First is that some hosts are distributed on weekdays, not Sundays. Second, some of the ministers to the homebound are busy with other ministries at the time when the pyxes would be distributed. Finally, some find the attention on themselves to be more than they want. The celebrant has been calling those Eucharistic ministers doing this home ministry to come up to the sanctuary after communion to receive the pyxes. Yet, there are good reasons to continue to promote this method of distribution at Sunday masses,

particularly that it calls attention to the fact that the ministry exists, and may inspire others to (a) participate in the ministry in the future; and (b) ask for communion to be brought to themselves should their circumstances call for it.

- The committee discussed how we could help make those doing home ministry more visible to the congregation. One suggestion was to thank these people. Another was to clarify with them their role and the importance of them coming to the sacristy when receiving communion for the homebound. There are currently about 14 Eucharistic ministers doing this for the sick, each ministering to at least one person. There are at least 28 people receiving this ministry weekly, and this number is always changing.

Internet System, and Contacting the Worship Commission

- Stephen St. Marie indicated that the e-mail address on the Worship Commission web page is sent to him, the President, only, and not to the entire Worship Commission panel. He reads his e-mail often, at least daily, and promised to forward to the entire Commission any interesting or helpful information sent to him. However, there has not been a need. John Murphy updates the website regularly, and recent minutes are placed there regularly.

Parish Picnic for 2007

- Phyllis spoke with Fran Van Bressen and learned that Hospitality Committee will likely host the picnic this year. Most likely the picnic will be in October, but a definite date has yet to be set.

Reconciliation Service

- The February service had an attendance of at least 70 people. There were five priests. Interestingly, the lines of people did not even out, and even at the end when most priests had completed the sacrament for the people waiting directly for them, there remained a long line at another. It is recommended that some thought be devoted to the distribution of priests as well as the total number.

Lenten Season and Easter Wrap-up

Palm Sunday

- Great thanks to all who helped with the ministry, music, decorations and processions. The music was very good, and each mass was beautiful. Some members of the Confirmation class gave a moving performance of the passion play.

Holy Thursday

- This was a beautiful service, the foot washing went very smoothly and people had a good response to this event. The towels Ray Frost ordered, were the perfect medium size. The washing and drying of the feet was done by people in teams of two, one pouring the water the other drying, sometimes alternating.
- It was suggested that next time involve the presiding clergy more by including the priest in the foot washing.
- The collection of towels went well.

Good Friday

- Generally well received. The sermons were very inspiring and well received by everyone.
- The singing of the passion was not as well received by all. Some said it was too long and mainly not audible enough. This was partly due to the sound system and also incorrect use of the microphones.
- The Stations of the Cross were well received by everyone. Fr. Mario and Matt Schaefer preached to a good crowd. Fr. Gagan commented on the restoration of the church stations.

Easter Vigil

- This service was fine, the sermons, music, lighting and decorations were great.
- Fr. Jim Blaettler did a fantastic job in leading the prayer and inspiring lectors.
- Thanks to Kevin Boden, who did a great job organizing.
- Also, a thank you to Tim Murphy who directed the drum playing that flowed very well with the singing.

Easter Sunday

- All masses went very well. Eucharistic ministers were plentiful in number.
- The homilies were great. The music was inspirational and gave good accompaniment to the Processions.

Coordination of the Music Programs

- The co-ordination among the directors and everyone was very good this year, much better than in the past. Credit goes to both Tim and Walt, who are working well together.

New Business

- Hilary Paskowitz and her husband will be moving to Baltimore where Dr. Paskowitz will take a residency at the Johns-Hopkins University School of Medicine. The committee thanks Hilary for all her service. She will be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Del Chiaro