

St. Ignatius Church - San Francisco, CA
Worship Committee Minutes
April 3, 2008

Attending

Stephen St. Marie (chair), Kevin Boden, Maria Boden, Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Jeannette Graycar, Patrick Mason, Reed Minuth, Theresa Murphy, Michelle Ríos, Barbara St. Marie, Hector Vazquez, Steve Wilkes, Fr. Charles Gagan (pastor), Fr. Jim Blaettler (staff)

Ordinary Business

- The opening prayer was led by Stephen St. Marie.
- Snacks were provided by Steve Wilkes.
- The next meeting will be held on **May 6, 2008, 6:00-7:30 pm**. Diane Del Chiaro will lead the opening prayer and Kevin Boden will bring snacks.
- An updated members roster was provided – please contact Stephen with any corrections/updates.

Liturgical Ministries

- Barbara St Marie & Theresa Murphy have been working on coordination among the various ministries (Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, lectors, greeters, et al.) since Don Crean's departure, with much success.
- Fr. Gagan and the entire committee expressed their appreciation for the coordinators' efforts, and the level of response from the parish.
- A handout was provided summarizing the progress made to date, and areas still needing work.
- Particular needs:
 - Improve communications / coordination with music ministry
 - Summer schedules – we need to fill the expected gaps when people are absent

Recommendations:

- Active recruitment by Worship Committee members
- Announcement (before Memorial Day) of the need: request for “one-time” commitments
- Update list of available summer substitutes

Review of Lent & Easter

- The ministry coordinators provided a report on the special liturgies for Holy Week.
- Service “scripts” have been developed for all services to assist in tracking all the activities & needed coordination for this year and future years.
- We intend to develop similar scripts for the Christmas liturgies as well.

Palm Sunday

- No “play” was performed at the 9:30 Mass this year due to insufficient time for preparation
- CFF/Confirmation class may take this on as a required project in future with service hours credited

Holy Thursday

- Did not have as many foot washing participants this year – remember to announce the congregational stations, and sign up first volunteers for each station

Good Friday Services

- Tre Ore service was well received
- General preference for single service leader (vs seven); this is also easier to recruit & coordinate
- Add to script – have celebrant enter from side aisle (rather than direct from sacristry)
- Stations of the Cross service was well attended

Easter Vigil

- Service is very well attended, primarily visitors
- All but two lectors were new: they did a very good job
- There were some problems with music coordination due to separation of cantor & choir

Easter Services

- All services were very well attended
- Hospitality was well prepared this year
- Music generally good, but there is room for improvement: more rehearsal with brass ensembles, may need additional amplification for singers when adding brass

Recommendations

- Add posture directions (sit, stand, kneel) to mass programs
- Maintain option to perform Passion drama on Palm Sunday; reading only version can be chosen if time does not permit enough preparation
- Provide *warm* water for foot washing (add to script) on Holy Thursday
- Use different (more maneuverable) table for oils on Holy Thursday
- More marketing of Easter Vigil service to our own parishioners, note that this is the parish “welcome” to new members of the Church
- Add to script: remind musicians to put out candles / maintain darkness at appropriate moments during Easter Vigil Mass
- Add to script: extra help needed to clean & prep chalices between 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on Easter

Music Program

- We were reminded of the new report, “Sing to the Lord,” issued by the US Conference of Bishops – Stephen will resend the link. This report has good information when considering our own music program.
- There was general discussion of the state of the music program, and what support this committee can provide
- We recommend that the music advisory subcommittee be reconstituted, and a meeting held with the music directors

Due to time constraints, discussion of the Lenten Reconciliation services and the “Mass in Slow Motion” were postponed to our May meeting. The committee adjourned at 8:00pm.

Prepared by Michelle Rios.