

**St. Ignatius Church - San Francisco
Worship Committee Minutes
May 6, 2008**

Attending

Stephen St. Marie (chair), Phyllis Bonocore, Rose Casserly, Kerry Daly, Diane Del Chiaro, Patrick Mason, Theresa Murphy, Michelle Rios, Barbara St. Marie, Hector Vazquez, Steve Wilkes, Fr. Charles Gagan (pastor), Fr. Jim Blaettler (staff)

Ordinary Business

- The opening prayer was led by Diane Del Chiaro.
- Snacks were provided by Kerry Daly.
- The next meeting will be held on **August 28, 2008, 6:30-8:00 pm**. Pat Mason will lead the opening prayer and Kevin Boden will bring snacks.

Music Advisory Group (MAG)

- The music advisory subcommittee was reactivated, and the first meeting held on April 30 with the music directors (except Tim Murphy), the pastor, Jeanette Graycar, Stephen St. Marie, Michelle Rios, Theresa Bell, Steve Wilkes and Pat Mason.
- The proposed budget prepared by Jonathan Dimock was discussed. It has been sent to the Finance Committee.
- The committee also discussed the reporting and responsibility structure among the music staff, as well as priorities and communication.
- The music survey was discussed
 - All on the MAG agreed that it should not be used as a management tool due to the limited response (80 – 90 replies) and the design of the survey.
 - The survey will be distributed to the Worship Committee
 - An acknowledgement thanking people for responding to the survey will be put in the bulletin, with the note that another, more detailed survey will be coming in the future.
- The mission and future plans of the MAG are:
 - Short-term – to provide input in helping define the organizational structure and responsibilities of the music staff
 - Long-term – to assist in defining the “target audience” and music styles for each Mass

Recommendations/ Future Plans:

- Long-term discussion: organ and hymnal replacement
- Next meeting planned – September 2008

Mass in Slow Motion

- We discussed reactions from parishioners and Mass attendees, noting both positive and negative feedback. It was noted that the Mass in Slow Motion may be of more interest to the younger generation or to people new to Catholicism.
- Fr. Blaettler noted that this required a great deal of advance preparation and that Kevin Boden suggested doing a similar process in future related to historical commentary about the Mass.

Recommendations

- The Worship Commission is not ready to recommend doing the Mass in Slow Motion in the future as the negative feedback seemed to outweigh the positive.
- We suggest that it may be better to provide this educational content outside of Mass in the form of adult education held after the 9:30 and perhaps 11:00 Masses. In addition, it would be helpful to have written materials to accompany the lectures and to have frequent advance communication about it.
- We also recommend that the adult education program that has started recently be expanded to once a month and that it be held on the same Sunday of each month.

Lenten Reconciliation Services

- The Reconciliation Services held during Lent were very well attended (approx 100 people), with a large increase over prior services. It seemed that the timing of the services helped increase attendance, as well as the active promotion of them as part of the homilies.

Recommendations for Advent

- Hold the services early in Advent, with one on a Saturday afternoon and the other on a weekday evening.
- Provide advance notices – from the pulpit in homilies, in the Bulletin and in the Advent pamphlet
- Have an adult education event after Masses in November to discuss the sacrament.

Worship Commission Calendar and Meetings – 2008 – Easter 2009

- It was discussed and decided that the Worship Commission should meet frequently, although not monthly, with the dates driven by the liturgical calendar, which Stephen St, Marie distributed at the meeting.
- It was noted that the feast of St. Ignatius is July 31. At this point, there are no plans for a special liturgy for this; however, that should be considered in future.
- The meetings are scheduled to provide time for planning of the liturgies for the major feasts of the year and are as follows:
 - August 28, 2008 – stewardship and Advent planning
 - September 25, 2008 – Advent and Christmas season planning
 - October 30, 2008 - Advent and Christmas season planning
 - December 4, 2008 - Advent and Christmas – final details/ wrap-up
 - January 8, 2009 – Lent and Easter planning
 - February 12, 2009 – Lent and Easter planning
 - March 12, 2009 – Easter planning

The committee adjourned at 8:00pm.

Prepared by Theresa Murphy.