

## **Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2016**

Present: Carlos Villarreal (Chairman), Marie Hedden, Marian Kinsey, Bob Walsh, Paul Michel (Pastoral Council Representative), Linda Haptonstall (Parish Staff Representative)

Note: Deacon José Blakeley has elected to spend his ministry at St Brendan Parish in other ways and will no longer be part of the Stewardship Commission. We thank him for sharing his time, talent, and good advice with us. He will be missed.

Opening prayer by Carlos Villarreal and check-in

The minutes of the August 20 and October 22 meetings were reviewed and approved. No meeting was held in September.

There will be no meeting in December 2016.

### **PROGRESSING TOPICS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **\*Ministry Fair Follow up**

No further follow up action from the Ministry Fair is needed.

#### **\*Newcomer Welcome Social Report**

Linda reported that there were more attendees at the last gathering than at the previous one. She also reported that the attendees liked meeting the parish staff. It was suggested that Joyce Von Feldt be invited to attend this Commission once a quarter.

#### **\*Calendar of Events**

Carlos will obtain the parish calendar and add the Commissions actions needed to support the parish requirements.

#### **\*Meeting with Diocesan Stewardship Director**

Steve Homiack met with parish leadership on September 14 and provided a presentation on stewardship.

#### **\*Stewardship of Talent**

Bob was to modify a Ministry Commitment Form and a My Talent and/or Gifts Form provided by the Diocese to meet St Brendan's needs. This was overtaken by events. Bob will meet with Linda in January 2017 to determine what activities should be included. These modified formats could be used in a mailing rather than conduct a Ministry Fair.

The use of these forms to establish a parish data base containing ministry commitments and talents was discussed briefly. It was discovered that such a data base already exists.

#### **\*Parish Goals and Objectives for 2017**

The Commission does not yet have these goals. Paul Michel will provide them to Carlos.

**\*Parish Leadership/Father Jim Meetings**

Linda will discuss with Father Jim and determine when would be an appropriate time.

**NEW TOPICS**

**\*Commission Co Chair**

Marian accepted the position of Commission Co chair.

**\*Diocesan Stewardship Assistance**

Carlos will contact the Diocese for help in implementing Stewardship at St. Brendan Parish. The parish needs to understand what is involved and if it can be added to the diocese plan for 2017

**STAFF REPORT (Linda Haptonstall)**

**\*Pledge Cards**

As of November 17, 381 cards have been returned (21%):

New pledges: 43

Increased: 97

No change: 25

Prayers only: 7

Total pledged: \$705,489

Pledges needed: \$1.2 million

Comparison with last year at same, time ahead by about \$7,000.

**\*Special Collections**

First Sunday in December: Catholic community Services

January 28/29: Northwest Catholic/Catholic Communications Campaign

**\*Special Bequest**

Received a special bequest of \$38,000

**\*Annual Catholic Appeal 2016/17**

Goal: \$147,419 Need \$2000 more in pledges to make goal.

Payments: Need \$23,000 to make goal.

Still owe the Diocese \$14,000 from campaign of 2015/16.

**\*Fund Raising Policy**

A revised fund raising policy dated October 26, 2016 was approved by Fr. Jim

**PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT (Paul Michel)**

Paul will provide 2017 parish goals and objectives to Carlos.

Robert Walsh