

## **Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2016**

Present: Linda Haptonstall (parish staff representative), Deacon Jose Blakeley, Marie Hedden, Marian Kinsey, Karen (guest of Marie), and the delegation from our Namalaka sister parish: Fr. Chris Chatsogola, Angelina Emmanuel, and John Phiri.

Absent: Bob Walsh, Carlos Villarreal; Paul Michel (Pastoral Council representative)

Opening prayer led by Marian.

Since our September meeting was an informal conversation following the Steve Homiak presentation on the 14th, we did not have meeting minutes to approve. (I don't recall if we have ever approved the August meeting minutes from the meeting at Bob's house).

Fr. Chris wanted to go and prepare for that evening's Mass, so he left a few minutes after arriving.

Our only agenda item was to choose a speaker for stewardship of treasure. Linda confirmed the stewardship of treasure pledge sheets will be mailed on Monday, October 24. We need a speaker for all Masses the weekend of October 29 and 30.

There will be an insert in the bulletin for this weekend's Masses, a follow up insert in next weekend's Masses, and a follow up talk and thank you by Fr. Jim during the Masses of November 5 and 6.

Linda volunteered to be our speaker for stewardship of treasure.

**Progressing topics from previous meetings:** not discussed

**Calendar of events:** not discussed

**Newcomers Social Committee:** not discussed, although there is a dinner planned for this evening.

### **Staff Reports:**

Linda reported that the parish's annual report was handed out after last weekend's Masses by the hospitality minister. Some of us had not received one. They are still available if anyone needs a copy. The report outlines what our parish and school revenue was as of June 30, 2016, and what our expenses were, explaining the resulting deficit.

Linda noted we are an insolvent parish at this point. There was a brief discussion of our finances and we reviewed a chart outlining the monthly giving trends for the last five years.

### **New Topics:**

We took questions from John and Angelina. He wanted to know what the role of our commission was, how often we meet, etc. We talked about St. Joseph Parish in Namalaka. They have several committees: among them finance, pastoral, youth, Catholic family movement, and home based care. Linda mentioned St. Brendan will have a youth council in the near future. Discussed the idea of having a youth representative on the Stewardship Commission.

The Stewardship Commission should review our current strategic plan (5-year plan?) and create a new one beginning with year 2017. We need to clearly define what our goals and objectives are. What are our tasks and how will be complete them?