**Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes, May 21 2016**

Present: Carlos Villarreal (Cochairman), Marian Kinsey, Ed Spencer, John Phillips (Staff), Deacon José Blakeley, Mark Patterson. Jay Green (Parish Council Representative) and Greg Van Hollebeke

Absent: Bill Nash (Chairman), Marie Hedden and Bob Walsh

Opening Prayer by Ed Spencer and “check in” around the table. As part of the “check in”, Mark suggested to continue the tradition to go to mass at 8:30am prior this meeting. Mark introduced Greg to the team. Greg was invited as part of the discernment process to consider joining the SC team

The minutes of the March 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**PROGRESSING TOPICS-ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**\*Ministry Fair (How to thank all those who helped)**

The stewardship commission discussed Bob’s idea and agreed on having a thank you Mass offered at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm. The intention is “*For those members of Parish Councils, Commissions, and Ministries who offered their time and talent at the Ministry Fair and for those new volunteers who offered their time and talent.”*

**\*Upcoming Parish and Stewardship calendar Events**

The St. Brendan Parish calendar meeting is scheduled for May 28th. We need to update the SC calendar using the new information

**\*Discernment Day**

The discernment day is June 4, 2016. The SC reviewed the “Excerpt from Parish Discernment Process” documents provided by Linda and agreed with overall content and process. Greg Van Hollebeke was invited to the SC meeting as part of the Discernment process to help him understand what SC is doing to support the Parish. A facilitator for Discernment Day was not identified.

**\*Commission Reading**

The commission agreed to proceed with reading “Divine Renovation” by Fr. James Mallon.

**\*Commission Retreat**

The Commission retreat was very successful. Several members of the SC joined the retreat and mentioned that it was very relaxed and spiritual. Mark mentioned that he will continue to offer the cabin to the SC for the retreat.

**\*Hispanic Integration**

The Hispanic integration meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2016.

**\*Phone-a-thon**

The phone-a-thon is closed. John mentioned that we are considering re-opening this task in January 2017 and completing the remaining activities at that time. Most of the calls made in January and February 2016 went straight to voicemail and because of this; we did not receive the pledges expected.

. **\*Newcomer Welcome Social Committee Update**

The Newcomer Welcome Social will be held June 4, 2016. Volunteers are needed at 3:00 pm to setup tables for the reunion.

**\*Meeting with Fr. Jim**

The meeting with Fr. Jim will be rescheduled due to last minute issues.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**\*Pastoral Council (Jay Green)**

According to PC, the number of parishioners is trending up. The previous meeting held covered last minute issues. Fr. Ron was reassigned and his last day is June 30, 2016.

**\*Staff (John Phillips)**

The Forecast was set at $1.3M but expect to close at $1.2M leaving $0.1K in deficit. The Parish is working with the Archdiocese in Seattle regarding a debt. A forgiveness letter was sent to them asking to forgive this debt.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*Strategic Planning**

Both PC and SC mentioned the need to have good data to understand how to raise collections.

Carlos Villarreal