

Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2016

Present: Carlos Villarreal (Chairman), Jay Green (Pastoral Council Representative), Marie Hedden, Marian Kinsey, and Tony Partington (guest).

Absent: Bob Walsh, Deacon José Blakeley

We began the meeting by discussing with Tony our present financial situation and ideas for increasing revenue. Some immediate savings are as follows:

- There is no plan to replace John Phillips' position in the near future. Kerri Foust will take on more responsibilities.
- Father Ron has been transferred to Holy Cross in Tacoma.

Tony recommended asking Steve Homiack, Director of Parish Stewardship for the Archdiocese, to come and speak with us about engaging parishioners and enhancing stewardship of treasure commitments.

Tony explained our income is down in the summertime, due to parishioners being away, but our expenses are higher. Our property insurance comes due in the summer, for example.

Tony will be talking to Kerri Foust about providing accurate financial figures/reports for his review.

How do we help Father Jim with stewardship of treasure? Can the commission chairs get together on a regular basis? There needs to be an emphasis on creating plans which will make a real difference. Action and turnaround time have to be quick.

What is the role of the Stewardship Commission? Carlos is meeting with Bill Nash on Monday, July 25, to review roles and responsibilities of this commission.

Meeting moved to library

Delayed opening prayer provided by Marian (after we found a place to hold the remainder of our meeting)

The minutes of the June 25, 2016 meeting were approved with no changes.

Progressing topics from previous meetings

Ministry fair

Was there follow up with everyone who signed up for the various committees? At our last meeting, Bill Nash volunteered to follow up on that.

Calendar of events

Our list only goes through the end of September 2016. Jay volunteered to get a list of events from the parish office so we can update our calendar in to 2017.

Newcomers Social Committee

Marie reported that this is a quarterly function. The next dinner will be in October.

Annual Catholic Appeal

According to the entry in the bulletin, as of July 21, we have received \$137,034 in pledges, which is 92.22% of our goal of \$147,419.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastoral Council (Jay Green)

Bridgette Blair is the new commission chair and Jay is the co-chair. They are down to four members. Jay reported on the youth ministry. Andrew Krieger is no longer on staff. Jeanette Mitchell Green will be the middle school youth minister and the parish is looking for someone to work about 20 hours a week for the high school youth ministry.

They are also looking for someone part time to assist Frank with the grounds keeping. They are inquiring whether Pat Ibaak (spelling?) can return to facilitate the RCIA program.

The Pastoral Council discussed the reduction in commissions and committees due to lack of volunteers. There will be a Stewardship Commission, Finance Commission, Pastoral Commission, School Commission, and Faith Formation Commission. All commissions need to review their guidelines, roles, and responsibilities.

NEW TOPICS

Carlos now has access to the parish web site. He suggested we re-take the commission photo with the remaining members. This can be done in September when all of us will be present for the meeting.

We don't know if Greg Van Hollebeke decided to joint Stewardship Commission.

Carlos asked us all to review the materials forwarded by John Phillips from Steve Homiack, Director of Parish Stewardship, and Kathy Clark, Assistant Director of Stewardship at the Archdiocese. It's a talent/ministry flyer which can be customized by each parish. Please review it by our August meeting. Should we move the Stewardship of Talent (Ministry Fair) to the fall? Can we combine it with the parish picnic? Tom Gray is the picnic chair. We'll find out if we can have tables set up in the narthex. Carlos will investigate where the data will be store and maintained, if we do utilize the talent brochure to collect names and talents of parishioners.