Stewardship Commission Minutes October 24, 2015

Present: Bill Nash (Chairman), Carlos Villarreal, Marian Kinsey, Marie Hedden, Mark Patterson, Bob Walsh, Jay Green, (Parish Council Representative), John Phillips (Staff)

Absent: Ed Spencer, Deacon Jose Blakeley

Opening prayer by Carlos Villarreal and “check in” around the table

The Minutes of the September 26, 2015 were read and approved as modified.

**PROGRESSING TOPICS – ACTIONS ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

\***Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response**. Bill made some comments about the Call to Stewardship, page 14, that resonated with him.

\***Ministry Fair**

The Ministry Fair and associated request for donation of time and talent was tentatively scheduled for February 6 and 7, 2016, however the church narthex was already scheduled for one of those dates. The narthex was booked for the two previous weekends and Lent begins February 10. Last year the Fair could not be scheduled during Lent. Scheduling the Ministry Fair in April and early May conflicts with presentations for the Annual Catholic Appeal. A decision was made to hold the Fair January 16 and 17 and a request to reserve the narthex was submitted by Bob Walsh and the dates were noted on the narthex calendar. Formal approval is needed. It was discovered those dates conflict with the Knights of Columbus monthly pancake breakfast. Mark Patterson agreed to approach Father Jim about the possibility of holding the Fair on a weekend during Lent.

The possibility of creating a simple handout that would list the various parish organizations and would permit parishioners to indicate their interest.

Marie Hedden was suggested as a possible time and talent witness speaker. She agrees to pray about that.

**\*Upcoming Parish and Stewardship Calendar of Events**. The calendar attached to the agenda was marked up and will be attached to the agenda for the November meeting.

\***Stewardship of Treasure Witness Speaker**. Bridget Harris of the Finance Council has agreed to be the speaker at the Masses on October 31 and November 1. John Phillips will discuss with her the possibility of being the follow up speaker for the next two weekends.

\***Hispanic Integration.** From Deacon Jose via e-mail: “I have been in dialog with Linda about reserving a Saturday morning within the next few weeks to spend time viewing the DVD we received from the archdiocese on this topic with representatives from all commissions and committees in our parish, in a workshop format, to reflect on ways to strengthen this parish ministry. I need to (a) book a Saturday morning date when there is a room available, and (b) write an invitation letter to all commissions and committees to send at least 2 representatives from each commission/committee to this workshop. I hope to do these two things this coming week”

\***Stewardship as a Parish.** John Phillips will place a notice in the parish bulletin informing that Stewardship as a Parish has been reinstated as a line item in the parish budget.

\***Newcomer Welcome Social.** Social will be held in the Church narthex after the 5pm Mass. Menu is Moroccan food. Marian Kinsey will make the presentation about the Stewardship Commission

\***Parish Council Report (Jay Green).** Two groups made presentations to the Parish Council.

Life, Peace and Justice Commission discussed catholic social teachings and reported that a poster to that effect had been placed on the kiosk in the narthex of the church. They will show videos about social issues after each Mass once a month. The first was about nuclear disarmament.

Faith Formation presented their plan.

Bill asked if Stewardship Commission could be placed on the Council’s agenda for their next meeting to provide information about the Commission’s activities.

\***Staff Report (John Phillips)**

Annual Catholic Appeal goal: $ 145,541. Pledges and one time cash payments: $134,457. Needed to meet goal: pledges and one time cash payments: $11,084. All pledges must be paid by 30 April 2016 or the parish makes up the difference from its cash.

The parish is not changing the provider of weekly donation envelopes. Further negotiations resulted in a reduced price from the current provider.

The parish is contemplating eliminating the parish owned bus. Insurance costs have increased and use is down. An item will be placed in the bulletin to this effect.

**NEW TOPICS**

**\*Soul on Fire Retreat**. Retreat is scheduled for January 29 and 30, 2016. October is kickoff month. Bulletin announcements will begin October 24 and registration happening after Masses beginning October 31, 2015. Tammy Krieger and the retreat team are asking for help in all facets of the retreat.

\***St. Joseph Namalaka**, **Our Sister Parish in Malawi.** There will be ornaments on the Giving Tree this Christmas season for the Malawi project. They will look like elephants. The goal is to raise enough money to bring the pastor and school headmaster to St. Brendan parish in the fall of 2016.

Donations can be made to support St. Joseph Namalaka now via check made out to St. Brendan Parish with Malawi noted on the memo line. The goal is to be able to make donations via the web site.

\***Sacrament of Conformation**. From Deacon Jose via e-mail. “As an update, after some discernment with my wife Lucy, I proposed Fr. Jim to create a transitional Confirmation class to help us bridge the move from a 1 year to a 2 year Confirmation program for the youth in our parish. Father Jim approved it. I recruited a good group of volunteer parishioners as catechists-we are blessed to have wonderful experienced volunteer catechists- and will start the organization of the program this Sunday. Fr. Jim sent a letter to all parish families with

Confirmation - age children to consider sending them to our program. We need to pray, and I ask for your prayers, to bring back families who enrolled their children in confirmation programs in neighboring parishes.”

Robert Walsh