Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes December 19, 2015

Present: Bill Nash (Chairman), Marie Hedden, Carlos Villarreal, Ed Spencer, John Phillips (Staff), Jay Green (Parish Council Representative), Marian Kinsey

Absent: Deacon Jose Blakeley, Mark Patterson, Bob Walsh

Opening prayer by Marian Kinsey and “check in” around the table

PROGRESSING TOPICS – ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Stewardship A Disciple’s Response: Bill read from Section III, Living as a Steward.

Stewardship Calendar

1. Ministry Fair update: The dates are still in review. Bill will call Diane Moran. We know that dates in February are no longer in consideration. We’re looking at April 23 and 24. We don’t know the actual dates for the Annual Catholic Appeal presentation – if it’s set for April 23 and 24 or April 30 and May 1. John will find out and report back to us.
2. Phone-a-thon: John will let us know when the lists are ready so we can schedule several people to come into the parish office to use the phones here. We’ll also need a few volunteers to come in to adhere labels.

Miscellaneous Topics

Bill asked for our feedback on the Christmas welcome power point he e-mailed to us earlier. We will discuss at future meetings whether to implement some of those ideas for Easter, since we don’t have enough time to deploy any of them for this Christmas.

Reminder that we can register for the Parish Retreat on-line. It will be held the evening of January 29 and all day January 30.

Bill and John attended the last Newcomer’s Welcoming Committee meeting. Bill talked about the Welcoming Committee’s desire to grow in number. The next social dinner is set for January 23 and the food will be Cajun with gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice. David Sullivan is again serving as chef for the event.

Carlos commented on the Hispanic community’s sale of meals after the 12 p.m. Mass. Jay explained that it is to coincide with the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast Sundays, which benefits Pennies for Heaven. The pancake breakfast is over before the 12 noon Mass lets out, so the Hispanic community has meal sales and those proceeds are donated to different charities.

We asked about the October Mass attendance count. John said he would forward the figures to us and we’ll discuss it at January’s meeting.

Bill and Carlos will meet with Father Jim on January 8. Fr. Jim will be meeting with representatives from Stewardship, Pastoral, and Finance.

Marie reported that the headmaster of the school, John Phiri, and the Pastor of St. Joseph parish in Namalaka, Fr. Christopher Chatsogola, are coming here for a visit in October. (Marie, are those names correct?)

Marie will contact Linda about how much money was generated from the giving trees for Malawi.

Pastoral Council Report

1. Jay explained that Andrea, who works with the preschoolers, talked about how they are working with the parish with regard to room and supplies. It’s been a struggle to find room for them.
2. The Pastoral Council is planning to review their 2016 priorities with regard to expenses. That report will be presented to the Finance Council.
3. The Pastoral Council discussed Growing an Engaged Church. (Bill will loan his book to Jay). The Friday night Spanish group meets with children elementary school aged to high school aged along with adults for faith formation. The council is discussing how the English speaking community can form something similar and will share those ideas with the Faith Formation Committee.

Staff Report

1. John reported that 1,470 letters were sent for the parish Stewardship of Treasure appeal.
2. He also reported that the payroll system continues to be a challenge.

The minutes of the November 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved after correcting one typo in the “Ministers’ Training” paragraph. The word “raining” should be “training.”