**Stewardship Commission Minutes**  August 22, 2015

Present: Carlos Villarreal (Acting Chairman), Ed Spencer, Marie Hedden, Jo Hanson, Marian Kinsey, Bob Walsh, John Phillips (Staff)

Absent: Bill Nash (Chairman), Mark Patterson, Deacon Jose Blakeley, Chris Gutierrez (Pastoral Council)

Opening prayer by Bob Walsh and “check in” around the table.

The minutes of the July 25, 2015 meeting were approved with this change to the sentence in Stewardship As a Parish that begins: “It was noted that Fr. Jim has the final say in…..” to read “It was noted that Fr. Jim has the final say in all such decisions yet it seems this decision was not communicated clearly”

Open Items from the previous meeting:

**\*Discernment /election of SC Chairperson and Co-Chair**. Ed Spencer is not able to assume the position of Co-Chair because of work issues. It was agreed that commission members will continue the discernment process. More information is needed from Bill Nash regarding duties and time commitment involved. John Phillips stated that the by-laws of the Commission may need to be amended to provide for the Co-Chair position. He will advise.

\***Hispanic Integration**: Open item

\***Stewardship as a Parish**: A reply to the letter from Mary Winter has been drafted and reviewed by Deacon Jose. The Commission agreed that the revised letter be sent to Mary Winter. Bill Nash and Deacon Jose are to be advised of the decision. A copy of the letter will be sent to Father Jim along with a copy of Mary Winter’s letter. John Phillips will provide a copy to the Finance Council.

\***Parish Picnic**: See the Parish Bulletin for more information.

\* **Review Upcoming Parish and Stewardship Calendar Events**: John Phillips provided this information about upcoming parish events:

**Parish Appeal**

10/24-25/2015 Announcement Sunday

10/31-11/1/2015 Presentation Sunday

11/7-8/2015 Education/Commitment Sunday

11/14-15/ 2015 Follow-up Sunday

11/21/22 2015 Thank you Sunday

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

4/16-17/2016 Appeal Kickoff

4/23-24/2016 Presentation/Ask #1

4/30-5/1/2016 Presentation/Ask #2

5/7-8/2016 Follow up/Ask #1

5/14-15/2016 Follow up/Ask #2

\***SC Collaboration with Youth and Young Adult Ministry**: Carlos has communicated via e-mail with Andrew Krieger about the Youth Ministry Weekend and suggested Faith Formation should be the lead helping with this project. Once the plan is set with Faith Formation, then Andrew should let Carlos know what is needed by Stewardship to support his initiative so that can be discussed at this meeting. As of the date of this meeting no information had been received. John mentioned that Faith Formation will not be helping with this.

\***Pastoral Council**: Jay Green will be replacing Chris Gutierrez as Pastoral Council liaison.

\***Staff** John Phillips: Goal for Annual Catholic Appeal is $145,541. To date $131,783 has been pledged. An additional $13,783 must be pledged and all funds received by April 2016. Information about parish finances will be provided to the Finance Council at their September Meeting. The need for continually communicating to the parish the parish’s financial situation in an open and transparent manner was discussed.

\***New Parish Website**: Improving. A comment was made that the last minutes from the Stewardship Commission shown were from January 2015. Question was asked: “Can a onetime donation be made via the website?” John Phillips will inquire.

The closing prayer was led by Bob Walsh.

The meeting was adjourned by Carlos Villarreal

Robert Walsh