

Minutes of the February 1, 2006 Stewardship Commission Meeting

Attendees: Sheila Leonard, Ursula Lyons, Deacon John Nicholson, Jim McCarthy

Ministry Directory: Directory edits/updates have been completed, and the updated Directory will now be put on the website, plus be available for hardcopy distribution to new parishioners in a welcoming kit.

❖ Deacon John to e-mail commission members the updated ministry liaison spreadsheet.

Spotlight/Hospitality Sundays: Because we are not having a Ministry Open House in 2006, we had decided to allow ministries the opportunity to be featured at Hospitality Sundays. We have finalized the list of ministries who would like to be featured.

❖ Consider featuring the 500 Club, K of C, and Ushers at April 2nd hospitality.

❖ Consider having a Welcoming Mass for new parishioners at 9:30am Mass on April 30, with a reception after Mass.

❖ Sheila to talk to Sister Brenda about when might be the best time to feature the Pastoral Visitor ministry. Use this feature opportunity for two purposes: to recruit new members, plus to show the parish what good service work is done through this ministry. Many parishioners may be unaware this visitation is available to those in need.

❖ Consider when Holy Family Parish and Fatima Youth Ministry will be featured.

❖ Look at the feasibility of adding pictures to the parish web site, featuring a specific ministry.

❖ Look at the feasibility of featuring a specific ministry in the monthly parish newsletter.

Additional Communication/Community-Building:

As we are re-instituting the monthly parish hardcopy newsletter, we should insure that it is not simply a repeat of the weekly parish bulletin. It should include some of the previous hardcopy newsletter components, e.g.

- Fr. Bova Conti column
- Deacon John column
- Sister Brenda column
- Religious Education teacher profile
- Featured ministry
- New parishioners

PPC Strategic Planning: There will be a series of meetings regarding long range planning for the parish. The effort will be scoped, subcommittees will be formed, and action plans developed. This will be discussed at the Feb 6 PPC meeting. The Stewardship Commission would like to be involved in this valued effort.

Stewardship Vision: At next month's meeting, we will re-visit the Jan 2004 Stewardship Vision PowerPoint presentation to review how we are progressing versus this vision statement. Use this as a "time-out" opportunity to review how we as a Stewardship Commission are progressing, how the parish ministry needs are being addressed, and how parishioners' needs may be being addressed as to sharing their time, talents, and treasures.

New Members: We would like to have at least two additional members, representing a cross-section of the parish family. Newer, younger families are currently under-represented on the Commission, as are older parishioners. Deacon John has received several names as potential candidates.

❖ Submit names of potential candidates to Deacon John.

Next Stewardship Commission Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 8:00pm, after Ash Wednesday evening Mass. We continue to target the first Wednesday of each month.