

## Minutes of the April 5, 2006 Stewardship Commission Meeting

Attendees: Sheila Leonard, Ursula Lyons, Fr. Bova Conti, Deacon John Nicholson, Bert Sellier, Bill Starr, Jim McCarthy

### Review Minutes of Feb 1 Meeting:

**Ministry Directory:** The updated Ministry Directory has been put on the parish website, plus is available for hardcopy distribution to new parishioners in a welcoming kit.

- ❖ Deacon John e-mailed commission members the updated ministry liaison spreadsheet.
- ❖ Consider having a card similar to St. Zepherin's listing key ministry contacts.

**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. The Bereavement and Pastoral Visitor ministries were featured in March; Knights of Columbus were featured in April. Invitations have already been mailed to new parishioners to a Welcoming Mass on April 30 at 9:30am, with a reception after Mass.

- ❖ 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:
  - April – Parish Nursing
  - May – Religious Education/Catechists
  - June – Holy Family sister parish
  - September – Music and Fatima Youth ministries
  - October – Respect Life
  - November – Stewardship
  - December – Outreach ministries

**PPC Strategic Planning:** A meeting was held on Mar 13, with representation from the PPC, Finance Council, parish staff, and Stewardship Commission, to discuss where we want to be in the next five years, and how we would get there. The intent is to form a 10 – 12 member planning taskforce, representing a broad cross-section of the parish family. An update on this topic is expected at the April 10 PPC meeting.

**Stewardship Vision:** We started to review the January 2004 PowerPoint presentation to review how we as a Stewardship Commission are progressing. One of the Vision goals for the parish is “Enhance the vitality of the parish and deepen its faith development.” There are various ways of assessing this goal, some of which may not be quantifiable.

One area where we need to apply more focus is to provide leadership training and support to new ministry leaders. Some people may have received organizational and leadership skills training through their employers, but we cannot assume this.

- ❖ Explore how we could best provide organizational and leadership skills training and support to new ministry leaders.

**Next Stewardship Commission Meeting:** Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 7:30pm. Agenda will include:

- Review of April 5 meeting minutes

- Continue Review of Jan 2004 Stewardship Vision document
- Need to provide organizational and leadership skills training and support
- Selection of a Stewardship Commission chairperson
- New members of Stewardship Commission