

Minutes of the June 19, 2008 Stewardship Commission Meeting

Attendees: Deacon John Nicholson, Fr. Michael Bova Conti, Elisa Riedl, Bert Sellier, Mark Nevils, Jim McCarthy

Mar 8 & 9 Ministry Fair Follow-up: Deacon John provided an updated spreadsheet containing names, contact details of those who submitted sign-up cards.

- ❖ Stewardship liaisons are asked to double-check the spreadsheet to insure contact has taken place with those who expressed interest.
- ❖ Look at the possibility of adding RCIA and Adult Confirmation ministries, or possibly collaborate with the Sudbury/Wayland/Weston cluster.

Ministry Directory & Gifts Discernment Guide: Additional directories and guides were distributed at Masses on May 17 & 18. Commission members also gave a brief overview of the documents at the end of Masses.

- ❖ Re-distribute ministry sign-up cards in the pews in the autumn.
- ❖ Make the Directory and Guide available for inclusion within the welcoming kit for new parishioners.
- ❖ Also make them available on the parish website.

May 28 Parish Pastoral Planning Meeting Feedback: There was a parish-wide meeting to review and discuss the archdiocesan document which summarizes demographics, trends, and projections, e.g. number of priests, number of parishes, sharing resources, role of laity, parish administration.

- ❖ Healing process with St. Anselm parishioners is seen as a key issue needing to be addressed.
- ❖ Need to look at opportunities to collaborate with the Sudbury/Wayland/Weston cluster (Collaborative D).
- ❖ Parish staffs from the cluster are to meet at OLF on Jun 23.
- ❖ Although there will be collaboration within the cluster, we will continue to reinforce that people need to register with, share their time/talent with, and financially support their local parish.

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) implementation: Identified contributors from Jan 2007 through May 2008 received the EFT mailer which included a letter from Fr. Bova Conti and some EFT Q&A's

- ❖ The EFT bulletin insert and mailing reinforced the reality that, while parishioners go away on vacation, our parish expenses do not go on vacation. We need summer offertory giving.
- ❖ After ParishPay announced they were increasing their fees, the recommendation to use Bill Pay was more encouraged as the preferred method.
- ❖ In the autumn, develop a broader Stewardship giving program, which complements our Time and Talent components.

New Commission Members: Several parishioners have expressed interest in joining the Parish Pastoral Council.

- ❖ Look at the possibility of some of these parishioners joining the Stewardship Commission as a precursor to PPC membership.
- ❖ Deacon John to forward the flyer on the October archdiocesan stewardship workshop at the new pastoral center in Braintree. Good workshop for new members.
- ❖ A sincere thank you to Ursula Lyons, a member of the Stewardship Commission since its inception, who will be leaving. Her participation and efforts are much appreciated!!

Thoughts for Next Year:

- ❖ Put together a stewardship calendar.
- ❖ Consider scheduling one or two ministries to be a focus at monthly hospitality Sundays.
- ❖ Consider expanding this to include the monthly Saturday evening Souper Supper gatherings.
- ❖ Consider the possibility of implementing the “Bring a Friend to Church!” program

Next Monthly Stewardship Commission Meeting: Thursday, Sept 4, 2008 at 7:30pm