

Minutes from Stewardship Committee Meeting Feb. 9, 2010

Attending: Howard Cameron, John Rukavina, Claire Zajac, Mark Matuga, Fr. Virgil, Fr. Dan

Meeting began at 6:30 and concluded at 7:45 pm

Meeting began with prayer, scripture reading and discussion regarding the Beatitudes.

Reports.

1. John reported his team on **Welcoming New Members** has been meeting regularly (John, George Baldazar, Steve Hermson and Joan Holmstad). John updated the Parish Council at their January meeting. His team is currently looking at mapping software to help identify locations of parishioners and natural groupings. They are reviewing information gathered by the Catholic High School Study Group regarding demographics of catholic households in our community. This team will be preparing a proposal for the parish to welcome new parishioners by connecting them to sponsors geographically close to their location who will help assimilate them into the parish. The neighborhood groups could also be asked to sponsor periodic social gatherings. This proposal will outline how others need to be involved to execute the plan. The Stewardship Committee received the report with enthusiasm and thanked John and his team for their efforts. Fr. Dan stated this is one of the most important things we can be working on.
2. Howard reported on **Hospitality**. He has been keeping statistics on attendance at the after-Mass coffee socials, broken down by Mass time. Numbers are averaging as follows: 7:00 am : 30 people, 9:00 am : 110 people, 11:00 am : 75 people. He has been successful in recruiting new helpers for the one Sunday per month currently assigned to Stewardship for hosting. Howard will follow up with each of the groups assigned to Sunday coffee socials to see how their program is running, how we can support them, and to encourage them to include the 11:00 Mass when feasible.
3. Dianne Evert was unable to attend and report on the **Ushers/Greeters**. She did report after the meeting by email that she is working on a proposal to get CPR training for our Ushers and familiarization with the cardiac lifesaving device in the back of the church. She will work with Terry B., Jan Ross and Fr. Dan.
4. Claire reported on the **Leadership Retreat** that the date will have to wait until Fr. Dan hears more about the Viability Study from the Diocese, which will take precedence for our efforts and scheduling. Mark offered to assist with the planning.

Next meeting set for March 9 (subsequently cancelled).

Respectfully submitted
Claire