

ST. JOHN VANNEY STEWARDSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the March 3rd, 2009 Meeting

In Attendance: Jean Beaudoin, Mike Cekanor, Julie Dreyer, Jim Hessling, Barb Hetzel, Bob Ranus and Kathy Uy.

Guests: Amy Abplanalp, Linda Kroll and Betsy Wellenstein.

The meeting began with a prayer.

Current Weekly Contributions – Jim Hessling reported that Offerings have continued to decline. Through the first 36 weeks of the current fiscal year collections are 4.5% under budget and 3.8% less than the prior year. In an effort to stimulate parishioners, Jim agreed to ask Father Ken to include a message in the Quarterly Statements sent to parishioners urging them to fulfill their pledges. The Committee also concluded it was important to continue to demonstrate cost reduction activities and keep putting this message in the weekly bulletin.

Stewardship Renewal – Bob Ranus distributed a sheet with a list of potential themes for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Because of the Faith In Our Future drive and the fact that several Stewardship Committee members are assisting with the drive, he expressed his concern for an overlap of campaigns. Hoping to avoid this, he would like to get as many things done early and ease the burden later in the year. It was agreed that new committee members are needed to take some of the work off those who are participating in both efforts.

Estimated Collections For 2009/2010 Budget – In view of the current trend in weekly collections and the Faith In Our Future Campaign, the Committee agreed that the budgeted number should be lower than the prior year. Taking a somewhat optimistic approach, the Committee recommended to the Finance Committee a budget number of \$2,150,000 for the next fiscal year.

Link Office – Amy Abplanalp and Linda Kroll joined the meeting to give everyone an over view of the Link Office. They reported that the ministry files had been updated based on the commitment cards they had received from the current Stewardship Campaign. They noted that this took a little longer than expected, because efforts to engage additional people to assist were only a minor success. As a result it slowed the calls to parishioners, thanking them for making a commitment. On a positive note, they explained that their efforts in verifying Ministry Chair- people helped to insure a more accurate list of parishioners in each Ministry and more timely calls to new members. They both were very optimistic about going forward.

Other Matters –Betsy Wellenstein joined the meeting. Julie Dreyer and Betsy are the leaders of the Follow Up Committee for the Faith In Our Future Campaign. They presented a tentative schedule which they made outlining the key activities they see for their Committee. The schedule reflected that there is conflict with the Stewardship Campaign. Both Julie and Betsy agreed to review the schedule and determine what changes can be made to accommodate both Campaigns and minimize conflicts.