

St. John Vianney Stewardship Committee Meeting October 6, 2009

In Attendance: Nancy Nelson, Julie Dreyer, Robert Scott, Barb Hetzel, Brad Niswonger, Kathy Uy, Bob Ranus, Bob Wallis, Mike Buelow and Jim Hessling.

Excused: Fr. Phillip, Jean Beaudoin, Kurt Bauman

After an opening prayer we began the discussion.

Current Financial Stewardship

The bulletin showed a negative balance of **(\$15,558)** of actual offerings against budget thru September 27, 2009, causing worry among committee members, especially since we are only 3 months into the current fiscal year. Last year at this time, actual offerings were **up by \$7,631**.

Analysis was requested of Jim Hessling by next meeting Oct 12th:

1. Analysis of giving segments of the parish – is there a segment that is off in their typical giving?
2. Analysis of cash collections/envelope collections for the month of September 2008 vs. September 2009 – is there a significant drop in cash?
3. Other looks that Jim feels might explain the negative balance

Stewardship Campaign Status

We reviewed a number of initiatives the committee is working on for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign:

- Basket assignments- completed & will circulate at the Common Leadership Night
- Covers & proofs of Annual Report, Ministry Bkt- completed & off to printers
- Signs- B. Ranus & M. Buelow to set up
- Bulletin Articles- R. Scott to place for next weekend
- Commitment forms – edited by K. Uy and B. Hetzel

Bob will present the Stewardship Campaign outline at the Common Leadership Night and the parish council meeting immediately following CLN.

Planned Giving

Brad and Barb are working on next newsletter (the only issue for 2009 due to cost cutting). This issue is targeted to distribute in November around the Stewardship campaign.

Faith In Our Future

An email to parishioners updating them on FIOF and the new matching gifts feature will go out October 9th. After that, things will remain quiet during the Stewardship Campaign.

Next meeting: Monday, October 12th 6:30 pm in church.