

St. John Vianney Stewardship Committee Meeting April 10, 2010

In Attendance: Bob Ranus, Fr. Phillip, Robert Scott, Kathy Uy, Barb Hetzel, Brad Niswonger, Julie Dreyer, Nancy Nelson, Kurt Baumann, Jim Myre, Cheryl Pabich, Patrick Krill

Excused: Mike Buelow, Jim Hessling

New Members

Cheryl Pabich, Jim Myre, and Patrick Krill were introduced as new committee members. These members came to the committee through the new nomination process. Since the numbers were small, all three qualified members were welcomed to the committee without formal discernment.

Current Financial Stewardship

As of April 4, we are \$69,515 or 4% below budget. This is expected to increase somewhat next week, as Mass attendance was down due to Easter break. Once again, credit card usage was discussed as another method of payment along with the current offering of EFT (electronic fund transfer.) An ad hoc committee was formed to find out how other parishes implement credit card payments. Julie Dreyer, Jim Myre, and Nancy Nelson will bring this information back to the committee for discussion. The question was asked as to whether people were meeting their pledge commitments. Jim Hessling sends out quarterly statements in order for people to review their giving.

Stewardship Committee Guidelines

Kurt Baumann asked us to review the stewardship guidelines and make any changes before it is finalized. Two corrections were noted. Fr. Phillip should be listed as an ex officio committee member and under Committee Members; it should read 12-15 members instead of 10-12 members. The balance of the document will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Evaluation of Committee Performance

We were asked to review our strengths and weaknesses as a committee over the past year. Everyone agreed each year we have produced a better stewardship campaign. Each member works hard to create a successful campaign. This year the stewardship talks were excellent. The annual report and ministries booklets were very well done at a nominal cost, thanks to in-kind donations. Fr. Ken and Fr. Phillip gave great support from the pulpit throughout the campaign. Another strength has been the efficiency of the Link Office in connecting people with

ministries. Thanks to Amy Abplanalp and Linda Kroll for their work with LINK and the ministries database.

Our weakness continues to be following up with new members to see if they are involved in a ministry or have questions. Kathy Uy will check to see if a list can be generated for calling new members after they have registered. Integrating new members into ministries is important as it increases financial stewardship. A breakfast is held twice a year for new members.

Another improvement we can make for next year is better signage for the stewardship campaign. Some of the signage this year wasn't clearly visible. The large sign on the corner of Gebhardt and Calhoun needs a new standard.

Planned Giving

Brad Niswonger and Barb Hetzel are coordinating the Fr. Lipscomb Society Appreciation Event. May 20 is the date set for the event. This society was created to honor those who have remembered St. John Vianney in their wills or estate plans. Currently the society has 35 members.

New Business

Bob Ranus encouraged us to start thinking of the 2010 stewardship campaign theme. This theme is used throughout the year.

Next meeting: May 4, 2010 @ 7:15 am

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Hetzel