

St. John Vianney Stewardship Committee Meeting May 4, 2010

In Attendance: Bob Ranus, Robert Scott, Kathy Uy, Barb Hetzel, Brad Niswonger, Julie Dreyer, Kurt Bauman, Jim Hessling, Jean Beaudoin, Cheryl Pabich, Jim Myre, Pat Krill

Excused: Mike Buelow, Nancy Nelson, Bob Wallis, Fr. Phillip

Review of Weekly Collection/Pledges

As of April 25, we are \$89,248 below budget and \$45,311 (or 2.5%) down from last year in contributions. There are two more months left in this current fiscal year.

The state of SJV contributions led to some discussions:

1. Is there a regular offertory during the special Masses of Confirmation and First Communion? The parish has just celebrated those Masses recently and the committee was interested in learning if there was a collection during the Masses. If not, what is the parish policy on this?

Jim Hessling to answer

2. Are parishioners fulfilling their stewardship pledges? Jim H's analysis of '09 pledges vs. '09 actuals showed an overall pledge fulfillment rate of about 97% for 2009 as compared to 92% for 2007. Those involved in a ministry had the overall best-performing fulfillment rate for their pledges.

Stewardship

Committee rosters were finalized and a brief discussion occurred around possible themes for the 2010 Stewardship Campaign (thank you Bob and Cheryl for your suggestions!). The goal is to have a theme decided at the June meeting.

Planned Giving

Barb Hetzel and Brad Niswonger are coordinating the Father Lipscomb Society gathering on May 20th to thank those who remember St. John Vianney in their will or estate plans. The event will be held at Fr. Ken's condo in Muskego, WI. At the gathering, wine and cheese will be served and attendees will preview a six-minute video interview of Bernie Gruenke, SJV charter member and preeminent church artist, who discusses the special designs he incorporated into our church at SJV. (The Stewardship Committee was privileged to view the video at this meeting).

New Business

Electronic/Online Giving

Research was presented by the Ad Hoc subcommittee on electronic/online giving. Online giving is the single fastest growing vehicle for giving, growing exponentially each year, from \$250 million in 2000 to more than \$4.5 billion in 2005. Electronic giving (by EFT and credit cards) is being used quite successfully by parishes in St Louis, Boston,

Chicago, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. There are a few parishes in the MKE arch offering online giving through EFT and credit cards (Holy Family, St Francis Borgia, Christ King, etc).

The Ad Hoc committee suggests that some homework needs to occur before proceeding;

1. Analysis of parish data occur to see if electronic/online giving will benefit the parish (Jim Hessling).
2. A simple survey to determine who might be interested and have the ability to use technology. The survey is planned for distribution the weekend of May 22/23 by email and in the bulletin. (Ad hoc committee).

New Member Orientation

It was felt by the committee that some standardization and consistency is needed for the New Member Orientation session and for the processing of new members. To that end, a meeting on May 5th has been scheduled with the subcommittee members to discuss.

Other

The Stewardship committee is the sponsor for the next Common Leadership Meeting. Robert Scott is coordinating the needed food/drink and will email to all their required food/drink to bring.

Next meeting: Monday, June 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dreyer