

Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting Notes January 17, 2017

Present: Bobby LeBlanc, Mary Budd, Steve Mahoney, Rose Martin, Russ Scott
Absent: Roman Lynch, John Stafford, Patrick Clem, Bill Bergan

GIVING REMINDER IN THE BULLETIN

Discussed and crafted a bulletin announcement as a reminder about our giving – said we would put something in the bulletin as early as possible in the New Year.

Agreed on:

Our Giving

Why does my parish need my financial support? Why do I need to give? We might excuse ourselves from giving generously if we question the parish's need for our contributions. We may excuse ourselves if we can only contribute a small amount. We may forgo any contribution if there are bills and wants on the horizon. But let's not make excuses. The parish community and its many ministries are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our corner of the world. We should always begin by asking God to guide us in our giving decisions. What mission is Christ calling us to share as we place our offering in the collection basket:

- ◆ Insuring a Catholic presence on campus making it possible to gather, transform and send young adults as part of their journey of faith and essential to the life of the Church.
- ◆ Providing Catholic faith formation for our children and young people.
- ◆ Helping people in need, locally and beyond, on a personal level and in a tangible way.
- ◆ Supporting families and individuals through our Catholic community and its ministries.
- ◆ Building on the work of those who came before us and sustaining the Church that Jesus founded.

Can we be generous? The real question is are there reasons to be generous? We each have to answer that question!

“OUT OF THE PEWS”

- Our visualizing stewardship project will only be effective in terms of participation and interaction if parishioners understand what we are trying to do, find it important, and take the time to participate or at least view the board.
- As such we will not pursue a display board in the church at this time.
- Instead we will devote our efforts to a bulletin feature: **“Out of the Pews”**
- We will ask people in different groups to answer 1 question:
How do you (or your family) share the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure once you are out of the pew on Sunday?
- Goal is to include a photo and to include several responses from each of these parish groups:
 - ✓ Children [ROSE]
 - ✓ Teens
 - ✓ College
 - ✓ Young Families
 - ✓ Crazy Years (40's)
 - ✓ Elders
- Rose will talk to Tyler Wheeler about speaking with a class at Faith Formation to explain stewardship and solicit responses to the question. Instead of individual photos of the respondents, a group photo may be more appropriate.
- Will need others to solicit responses from the other 5 group.
- Once we start with the bulletin it is best if we include for 6 weeks straight to have some sort of continuity for the effort,

STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY

- Steve is willing to take leadership/coordination of this team project.
- “Party” to express appreciation to parishioners with no agenda or presentation – just a fun gathering – food, drink, and conversation.
- Settled on **Saturday, April 22** starting at **6:00pm**.
- NO ethnic theme (Mardi Gras, Fiesta, Luau, etc)
- Mary will develop a list of food items from SAMS with pricing.
- Keep in Fareway in mind for veggie trays, etc.
- Beverages: pop, wine, beer. No hard liquor this time.
- Since there is no theme, decorations and decorating should not consume or time – will go with red & gold, balloons, streamers.
- Should shoot for as much disposable-wear as possible. The team ALWAYS does a good job of cleaning up, but it is a long evening for all of us.
- Title: ***GATHER & Enjoy: Let’s Get Together***
- February meeting decide:
 - ✓ What foods? & Quantities?
 - ✓ Decorations
 - ✓ Who can help with what?
 - ✓ When do we set up the lounge?
 - ✓ We always say “no agenda and no speeches”... if it is an appreciation event shouldn’t someone say “thank you” to those present?
 - ✓ Stress “adults” or not? Each “party” we deal with this question in terms of *children running around and getting rambunctious as they get bored*, we only have so much seating in lower lounge, etc. Let’s look at it again.
 - ✓ Last year’s party we had arranged for college students to “entertain” the kids, no kids came!
 - ✓ Pay janitor to set up lower lounge for coffee & donuts / clean floor etc?

Next meeting: Tuesday, **February 21** (3rd Tuesday) at **7:00pm**

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US!