

Stewardship Ministry Team
Jan. 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Bobby LeBlanc, Bill Bergan, Dave Austin, Bob Gelina, Steve Mahoney, Rose Martin, Russ Scott
Absent: Mary Budd, K'Lynn Lynn, John Stafford

- Russ led the opening prayer. (Bill will have an opening prayer for February.)
- Stewardship Budget: It was agreed to maintain the same budget as last year.

Income	Approved 18-19	Proposed 19-20
Total Stewardship Income	0.00	0.00
Expenses		
Stewardship Appreciation Event	900.00	900.00
Stewardship Resources	1,400.00	1,400.00
Copy/Printing	50.00	50.00
Lay Leadership	350.00	350.00
Total Stewardship Expense	2,700.00	2,700.00

- Clergy focused New Year's Resolutions write ups are being included in the bulletin for several weeks in January.
- Updates on strategies other parishes use for appeal drive – possible ideas for next year.
 - Bobby described how St. Cecilia was starting a “rounding up” campaign. This is where individuals elect to donate the value of rounding up to a whole dollar with general electronic payments. It was decided to wait to see its helpfulness for St. Cecilia's. We can review this in 6-12 months.
 - Bob reported on strategies that Texas A&M and Wichita State had
 - Texas A&M is a huge parish with large staff. Parishioners are primarily students and showed in things such as online registration via phones. Stewardship was emphasized throughout the year and encouraged that the message come from the priest.
 - Wichita State is a much smaller parish with limited staff. Again, parishioners are primarily students. Stewardship focused more on volunteering, rather than financial. Students run most of the committees and “work”, e.g. totally manage a coffee shop.

It was discussed that STA is different from both. We have more resident parishioners and they provide more financial support and leadership. All agreed, resident and student parishioners enjoy each other and are glad the other is there, but do not often integrate. STA has never seemed to decide if it is a “typical” parish with students or a student parish with some resident parishioners.

- Ideas for stewardship message for 2019
 - Arch Bishop Jackal has emphasized stewardship. If enough lead time, possible we could invite him to give homily. It was suggested we review this year's gospels to see if any would fit well with stewardship. Rose will bring summary for February meeting.
- Picture Directory in 2019 -
 - Discussed possible recruiting photographer and maintain our own database. There is hesitation about how parishioners could gain access yet maintain privacy. No clear plans.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 19 at 4:00.