

Stewardship Ministry Team
Feb. 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer - Rose
2. NameTag Sunday reviewed
 - a. This activity continues to receive positive feedback from parishioners. The plan is to continue it 2-3 times each year. In the fall and spring, the goal is to do it as close to the beginning of the semester as fits the calendar. Also plan to do it once in the summer. There are fewer students on the summer, but it benefits resident parishioners.
 - b. General agreement to purchase new signage. Bobby will look into this when the next NameTag Sunday is scheduled.
3. Bulletin Write up ideas for Lent - Focus will be on college students this time.
 - a. Bobby contacted Emily Klaus about asking student small groups how they "observe" Lent for the next Bulletin Feature. Emily responded small group team leaders thought it was a great idea and would spread the word to small group leaders.
 - b. Bobby agreed to let Emily know we wanted to move forward with this.
4. Stewardship Weekend for fall for 2019
 - a. Reviewing strategies at other parishes last month was interesting, however, both parishes (Texas A&M and Wichita State) were quite distinct from STA. Still, two take away messages were to have consistent stewardship message throughout the year and encouragement that the message come from pastor/parish leadership.
 - b. Some ideas for next year's
 - i. 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 did not have these at the meeting but summarized them for these minutes. See summary on next page.) Steve to follow up with the Arch. Bishop.
 - ii. Fr. Kyle would be a top choice to give Stewardship Sunday homily. Would have been at STA for over a year, so may be more comfortable with a money talk. Bob G. will follow up with Fr. Kyle.
 - iii. Bobby had sent a link (<http://nativitypastor.tv/?p=1832>) to an article titled "8 Steps for a More Successful Stewardship Sunday" written by Fr. Michael White, the Pastor of Church of the Nativity in Maryland. General agreement we did many of the 8 steps, but we have not done step #7 "We have fun." The article did not provide specific information or examples of how they got parishioners to "leave with a smile." Rose will contact Fr. White for further information.
5. Picture Directory in 2019
 - a. It was discussed that there has not been a parishioner led request for this and given turnover of students a hard copy directory is obsolete in a matter of months. Unless there is more clear evidence that parishioners want a directory, we will not proceed.

Upcoming Stewardship Ministry Team meetings:

- March meeting has been cancelled
- Next meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.