

**Stewardship Ministry Team
Meeting Notes
November 15, 2016**

Present: Bobby LeBlanc, Bill Bergan, Mary Budd, Steve Mahoney, Rose Martin

Absent: Roman Lynch, John Stafford, Russ Scott, Patrick Clem

Shared on Chapter 22 from the book “Rebuilt”: “Church People Don’t Belong In The Pews”

SACRIFICIAL GIVING APPEAL Post-Mortem

- Fr. Jon’s homily was good and well received – good tie-in with Bill Chambers
- Hope that cards provided stimulus for prayer and family discussion, but something we cannot control – probably about 50-60% of those at Mass took a card
- Posters were too wordy and probably only somewhat effective – goal was to prepare people for the appeal and have them start thinking about it
- Bulletin articles (if read?) were well written
- Email to parishioners (if read?) was a good touch – but didn’t reach everyone as only those in the email lists were sent the email
- Need some follow-up in 2017 – reminders about giving and commitment
- THANKS to Bill for all his efforts with the appeal this year – probably more thought and time went into it than in years past. THANKS BILL!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

- Had a discussion about LYN funding at the request of Dave Dirks.
- Clearly a majority of parishioners don’t understand the parish tithe or the Love Your Neighbor program
- A lot of focus is being given to the removal of the monthly special giving envelope – that seems to be only a small part of the lack of funding issue – we are not sure why funding is “troublesome”
- Consensus is that LYN is a tithe of parish giving – not sure why emphasis is placed on extra “special” giving to the fund – there is a tithed amount
- Maybe it is time to look at supporting “Good Neighbor” in place of running our own program – perhaps would be more efficient and more effective for those in need?

VISUAL PROJECT

- Visualizing stewardship project – Rose is willing to take leadership for this
- Goal would be to engage parishioners to “name” their stewardship activities for the purpose of awareness and support
- Would use the stewardship kiosk (presently being used as a bulletin board on the upper pathway), with 4 areas of emphasis (home, parish, campus, community).
- All believed that what this is about and how to respond has to be clearly explained to parishioners more than just by a bulletin article or email – we want people to be engaged – Rose asked that Bobby speak with Fr Jon about including in a homily in 2017 if the readings would support its inclusion.
- Not sure it is worth doing unless parishioners can hear what this is all about.
- The display would be up from 2017 after student return to the start of Lent.
- Will finalize the project at the December meeting OR decide not to proceed.

APPRECIATION PARTY

- Steve is considering taking leadership with this event – with the support of the rest of the team.
- “Party” to express appreciation to parishioners with no agenda or presentation – just a fun gathering.
- Possible dates either April 21 or April 22 – both dates good for STA – after Easter and before Dead Week - will need to check against school and community calendars.
- Possible theme of “Fiesta”?
- Will develop a plan in December.

Next meeting: Tuesday, **December 13, 7:00pm** (changed from the 3rd Tuesday because of Christmas)

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US!