

Stewardship Committee
Minutes, 4/21/09

Attending: Fr. John Parr, Howard Cameron, Fr. Virgil Heinin, Claire Zajac, John Rukavina, and Cathy Smolinske
Meeting began at 7 PM.

Report from Hospitality Subcommittee:

John Rukavina has information concerning the proposed mentoring program, "We Belong to Each Other." This mentoring program will be the main topic of the Stewardship Hospitality Sub-Committee which will meet on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 PM.

It was decided that Stewardship Committee should separate into smaller work groups for the summer. One group would cover the large Hospitality Ministries programs. The other group would work on other stewardship Formation and Service projects. Howard Cameron will take the lead of the Hospitality Ministries group and the first meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, at 7 PM. Claire Zajac will lead the Formation and Service group and the first meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at 7 PM. Stewardship members are invited to attend either or both groups. Please let Howard and Claire know if you are interested in their group.

Quarterly coffee for newcomers with Fr. Parr is scheduled for the weekend of May 16-17. Claire and Cathy will handle invitations to newly registered parishioners. Howard will place bulletin announcements for the weeks preceding and contact staff and parish committee leaders to let them know about this opportunity to welcome newer church members. The Hospitality Sub-Committee will identify those who will need to help with these after-Mass gatherings. All parishioners are invited to coffee and snack and welcome newcomers. It will be decided whether to hold gatherings on both weekend days or Sunday only.

Report from Formation Subcommittee:

Stewardship Bulletin Inserts: Committee decided on a Stewardship brochure for a June bulletin weekend. ("Stewardship: what the church teaches- the Catholic way of life") Will be ordered by Fr. Parr.

Joe Smrdel sent report concerning status of parish information kiosk. The group felt that it would be better to start smaller and less expensive while evaluating the needs of Stewardship and other parish groups. Will perhaps run a bulletin article to see if a parishioner has something to donate or suggest. Will look into something like a flexible turnstile. Joe had a selection of some possibilities.

Banner Design was presented. The proposed banner used the words "St. Patrick Parish Welcomes You – Worship with us, Minister with us, Share with us" and the Stewardship logo and words. The environment committee has asked that the banner be something like a fabric rather than a vinyl. Claire will communicate with the Liturgy Committee and Environment Committee to see whether this banner should be completed by Pentecost or by the October Mission week or some other timing. It was also suggested that bookmarks might be made with design and words similar to the banner and have parish reference information on the reverse side.

Diocesan Stewardship Day is scheduled for May 20, 2009, 10 am – 3 pm, in Hudson, WI. Committee members should consider if they can attend. Those wishing to attend should contact Ellen O'Brien in the parish office by May 7. Cathy will contact Phyllis Koss about sending e-mail inviting parish leaders to attend the local diocesan event.

Report from Service Subcommittee:

Claire Z. is following up on "dream cards" from time & talent mailing. A thank you will be sent to all who sent ideas and comments.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer. Next meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 & 19, 2009, 7 PM at parish (see notes above).