

Stewardship Commission Meeting Thursday November 18, 2010

Attendees: Susan Crook, Eric Gunderson, Mike Lentz, Mary Beth Ineson, Kathy Phillippi, Tim Sullivan

Minute Taker: Terri Willaert

Opening Prayer

October 27th, 2010 Meeting Minutes approved

Stewardship Forms – Next steps

- Stewardship forms are being returned the weekend of November 20-21, 2010
- Additional blank covenant forms will be placed in the foyer
- Training for inputting the returned forms will be held November 29 through December 1
- Format for input is set up from last year
- Follow up will occur at the end of January for parishioners who have not returned forms
- Mike Lentz will provide priests suggestions for this weekend's homilies
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Epiphany Prayer

- 2 sample prayers were distributed as well as the psalm from Eric (via e-mail).
- It would be suggested that all groups, meetings and events begin with the same prayer.
- It was agreed that the prayer need be short and to the point.
- Father Zehren will be asked to formulate the final prayer with suggestions supplied.
- Suggestion was made to have the prayer on the screens in front of the church before all Masses.

SWOC Analysis

Fit by 50 Spirituality

- The plan has been placed in front of parishioners briefly in last weeks homily by Father Zehren
- Need to be aware of the timing as it is approaching quickly. The big push will start in January
- Marketing group has designed a logo specific to this. It combines the Parish and Stewardship logos
- The campaign will begin with the financial piece and Physical and Spiritual will follow soon after
- Discussion was held regarding how the success of the campaign will be measured
- The strength of the campaign will be enhanced by several actions
 - How deeply we are able to engage ourselves
 - How effective we are in enhancing the current missions at Epiphany
 - Whether we are able to continue fostering the sense of community
- Brainstorm of ideas for the spiritual aspect included
 - Parish retreat or Parish mission in 2012 - 2014
 - Inclusion in the prayers of the faithful
 - Perpetual prayer supporting the initiation period and throughout
 - Stewardship alive articles
 - Setting of basic, clear, fun and practical ways for all to be involved
 - Weekly/monthly postcards

- “Three loaves of bread” or “Bread for the Journey” welcoming fallen away parishioners back
- Welcome back programs
- Lent spiritual fitness suggestions
 - Lenten book of prayer/reflections for all parishioners (*Mike will talk to Katie*)
 - “Run toward the Goal” initiative for “Spiritual Fitness” 2Phil 3: 14
 - Lenten Challenge of “What can you OFFER UP rather than GIVE UP?”
 - Letter, meetings, kickoff
 - Lent starts the weekend of March 5-6, 2011 / check readings for this weekend

Next meeting

- December 15, 2010