

Stewardship Minutes
November 17, 2009

Present: Deacon Phelps, Bob Hamilton, Pat Harrett, Madeleine Durkin, Sherry Schmidt, Sister Judith, Jane Schneider and Elizabeth Woodfill, chair

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 and the membership recited prayer number 2.

Madeleine Durkin reported that the Newcomers Committee needed new members who could help it to become more effective in greeting and encouraging new members to the parish. She and Nickey Cook have been meeting and greeting for at least four years and they have lost their enthusiasm for this ministry. Elizabeth stated that we would address this issue at the next meeting and she requested that the members of this committee consider new possibilities.

Though the Second Sunday Breakfast was successful, the communication between the Knights of Columbus and the regular Second Sunday crew was deficient. Bob Hamilton has spoken to Fr. Steve about the confusion and hopefully the situation will be resolved in the future. There were 133 adults and 23 children at the three seatings. The income was \$618, expenses were \$299.81 and the resulting profit was \$318.19.

The most recent edition of the Inland Register listed the parishes within the diocese that achieved their ACA goal for 2009. Among the listed parishes was the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. Elizabeth shared this information and congratulated this committee and all those involved in attaining this objective.

Elizabeth also volunteered to put something in the bulletin that will encourage end of the year donations. There is a realization that Catholic Charities has its fundraising during the Advent season but there is a hope that parishioners will find a way to include the Cathedral in their Christmas contributions.

Bob Hamilton congratulated the choir for a successful spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 15th. He made a suggestion that perhaps if this is considered next year, the raffle participants would not have to stay until the end of the event. Parking and traffic presented a problem because the diners would not leave.

Finally, Sister Judith noted that the sandwich ministry will continue on Fridays during the winter. The sandwiches will be distributed from the rectory.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Schneider, Secretary