

Stewardship Minutes December 15, 2009

Present: Bob Hamilton, Pat Harrett, Madeleine Durkin, Father Miguel, Sister Judith, Jane Schneider and Elizabeth Woodfill, chair.

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 3 o'clock and led the committee in prayer #3. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Madeleine reported that John and Christie Stewart have agreed to become members of the Newcomers Committee. Richard Spangler, a new member of the parish, met with Madeleine at the Second Sunday Breakfast. He is excited to be joining the Cathedral and has already volunteered to become a Eucharistic Minister.

Elizabeth found two statements in the stewardship materials that she felt were appropriate for an end of the year bulletin. Both of the notices encourage parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure.

Attendance was down at the Second Sunday Breakfast but the enthusiasm remained. There were 107 adults at the three servings and 20 children. The expenses were \$375.15 and the income was \$489.90 leaving a profit of \$114.75. Elizabeth made it clear that the breakfast crew is not moving on because they do not feel appreciated. They are passing the breakfast duties to the Knights of Columbus because the Stewardship Committee has been providing this service for 12 years and the cooks would enjoy looking into other ministries in the parish. Father Steve has already spoken to Rich Breedlove about coordinating the event for the Knights of Columbus when the transition occurs.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the four questions that had been sent to the committee from the Parochial Vicar. The results of that discussion are as follows:

1. What does our parish do well?

Two things were listed by the member. First, our liturgies and second, there is a welcome increase in young families with children.

2. What don't we do well?

Three thoughts were included in this area. First, communication could be improved, second, somehow the engagement of parishioners in the community needs to be addressed and finally, a concept of giving either by emphasizing tithing or some other method of donating.

3. What is our vision for this parish?

Ideally, we would love to see a packed church every Saturday and Sunday. Also, youth groups for junior high school and high school teens should be developed.

4. What one sentence would we say to the new bishop?

This was very difficult for our committee. The only thing that we decided that would be appropriate is a simple, "Welcome to the cathedral".

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Schneider, Secretary