

Stewardship Minutes
January 19, 2010

Present: Chuckie Phelps, Dr. Andrew Phelps, Bob Hamilton, Madeleine Durkin, Sherry Schmidt, Nickie Cook, Father Miguel, Sister Judith, Jane Schneider, Elizabeth Woodfill, chair.

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm and led the committee in prayer number 4. The minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.

Madeleine reported that Rene Barbour was the guest of the parish at the 9 am Second Sunday Breakfast and Katherine and Michael Echlin(?) were guests at the 11 o'clock seating. Nickie also stated that one of her contacts finally responded to her phone call and they will be attending a Second Sunday Breakfast in the future.

Elizabeth stated that 122 adults and 22 children were present at the three seatings of the Second Sunday Breakfast. Income was \$513 and expenses totaled \$307.56 with a net of \$205.44. The Knights of Columbus are still training to assume the duties in the kitchen for the breakfast. However, no one from that organization seems to be in a position of leadership and only 2 or 3 of their members have been training in the kitchen. There are three more breakfasts to be served this season and some sort of provision must be made to ensure a smooth transition next fall.

Bob also related that there had been a problem with the Food Company of America, a long time provider of the sausages that have been served for many years. Rachel, the office manager, had mailed the check for last month's purchase but the company failed to process it promptly. They would not deal with Bob unless he paid for the sausage supply with his personal credit card. The long association of the parish with the Food Company of America did not affect their decision. Bob has contacted Inland Meats, a company that will supply the same brand of sausage for the price that has been paid to the Food Company of America. He also intends to express his dissatisfaction with the conduct of the Food Company of America and treatment that he received.

Doctor Phelps gave a copy of an offertory pledge card that he saw while on vacation on in Virginia. This card was distributed to all of the parishioners in the

Sacred Heart Parish in Manassas, Virginia. The yearly budget of that parish is based upon the response of the members. After the budget has been determined, the pledge cards are destroyed. The Stewardship Committee felt that there would be two benefits to this system: First, it would give our parish a more concrete method of determining the budget for the fiscal year and second, there would be no phone calls to the parish members for contributions. In our parish the cards could be distributed in May in order to allow time for a budget determination by July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. Nickie and Madeleine both noted that the registration forms that are now used allow new members the option of not receiving envelopes. They both felt that more new families are opting out for participation with envelopes. Perhaps a pledge card might give them a deeper obligation in the financial success of the parish. Elizabeth stated that she would present this idea to the Parish Finance Council at their next meeting.

The committee then reviewed plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Fat Tuesday, February 16th. The menu will remain the same as served in 2009. Elizabeth requested that servers from the committee come to the dining room at three o'clock to set up the tables and prepare the soups and salad. Dinner will be served at 5:30 rather than the previous 6 pm. Invitations will be mailed to every volunteer in the parish. Sister Judith noted that Father Steve requested more bread to accompany the soups.

Father Miguel informed the committee that the Annual Catholic Appeal weekend will be on January 30th and January 31st. The goal for the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes will be \$91,912. George Nossek will speak at all of the Sunday masses on the ACA weekend and Elizabeth Woodfill will speak at the Saturday evening mass. Additionally, Sister Judith noted that the collection for Haiti was \$6,000 and could exceed that figure with additional money from the masses on January 23 and 24.

The next meeting for the Stewardship Committee is scheduled for February 11th at 4 pm. Please note that this is a change from the normal time due to the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Schneider, Secretary

