

## Stewardship Minutes October 20, 2009

Those present: Madeleine Durkin, Bob Hamilton, Pat Harrett, Father Mejia, Sister Judith Nilles, Deacon Phelps, Chuckie Phelps, Sherry Schmidt, Jane Schneider and Elizabeth Woodfill, chair.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm. Elizabeth led the committee members in prayer number one. There were no minutes from the September meeting.

Madeleine reported that there were no newcomer's calls and that the Newcomers Committee has not been operating efficiently. She and Nikki will be discussing new methods that could be employed to make their visits more effective. Madeleine has also contacted Heleene Murphy and asked her to join the committee.

Elizabeth then asked for an evaluation of Stewardship Sunday and the response to the flyer that was inserted in the bulletin. Everyone on the committee felt that Father Dubinsky delivered an excellent homily which not only emphasized the need to give monetarily but also to volunteer time to the activities that make the parish a community. Many of the members who are active at the Cathedral are aging and it is time for some of the younger parishioners to take the reins and work on projects.

Sister Judith did state that she has not had the time to evaluate the response to the Stewardship flyers that were included in the bulletin. However, she did relay a suggestion from Father Steve that perhaps next year we could think of a creative way to encourage parishioners to pledge a yearly amount. Some of the committee members recalled efforts in past years were met with rejection but the committee also thought that perhaps more creative ideas might prove more successful. This will be discussed more fully next year.

Bob Hamilton then discussed the history of the Second Sunday Breakfast. He attributed the original idea to Ethel Hall and Msgr. Ribble who looked upon it as a way to encourage the feeling of community. This event has become an important part of parish life. However, the same people have prepared, cooked and served the meal for 12 years. The suggestion has been made to pass the breakfast to the

Knights of Columbus, if they are willing to assume the responsibility. Bob has expressed an interest in assisting the Knights when the transition occurs but he has also requested that some areas of consideration be observed. First, do not forget to schedule the 6:30 mass group, next, do not overprice the breakfast and finally, continue to use Barbra Campbell as the volunteer coordinator.

Elizabeth then mentioned three dates that will be added to the committee timeline. February 16<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday and that is the traditional date for the volunteer appreciation dinner. April 4<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday so this year there will be a Second Sunday Breakfast in April. Though there is no specific date for the ACA, it is usually initiated in the beginning of February. Elizabeth also asked the Altar Society to provide a Cinco de Mayo dinner that would include the entire parish and provide a platform to welcome the new members who have registered during the year.

The last item on the agenda dealt with the dispensing of sandwiches on Fridays afternoons. Due to safety reasons, this committee recommends that during the winter when there is increasing darkness and colder weather, the sandwich ministry should be discontinued on Friday afternoons. When the weather begins to warm and the daylight hours increase, it can once again be provided.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Schneider, Secretary