

**Stewardship Commission Minutes**  
**September 18, 2017**

**Members in attendance:** Bill Schwanekamp, Jay Porcaro, Teresa Porcaro, Jim Callahan, Cathy Nagy, Terry McPhillips and Bonnie Cherry

**Opening Stewardship Prayer**

**Spotlight Ministry Planning**

September – Children's Liturgy of the World

October – Social Action

November - TBD

Nursery/Babysitting update: Bonnie had contacted the chairman, who said she would continue to chair until someone new stepped up. She welcomed emails and bulletin and newsletter notices advertising the nursery, as well as a sign for the gathering space and a flyer/postcard to send home to parents of young children. Cathy was working on the sign, and Megan did a first draft of the postcard that she was going to clear with the chairman for proofing. It was decided not to take any other steps until these were completed and we can assess the response to them.

Jim Callahan volunteered to contact the Festival committee (Donna Burns) for feedback from June's Spotlight.

**New Parishioner Outreach**

Registration sheets from July were passed out for calling.

**Stewardship Corner** – Megan is September, Bill is Oct., Bonnie is Nov. and Terry is Dec. Bonnie passed out stewardship bulletin reflections for the last quarter of the year from the St. Louis diocese to use in the Stewardship corner. It was agreed that these reflections are well done, succinct, and timely in their references to the Sunday readings. However, we'd also like to include a graphic, quotation, joke or cartoon at least once a month to keep the Corner fresh and provide variety.

Google doc link to enter new write-ups (on the first tab – 2017)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eITVrZwa84LM5Hi6fupYcsaAyxnmBGd3zVRRWb0QnxE/#gid=0>

If you prefer, please email your write-ups to Cathy.

**Festival** – there was nothing to report from our follow-up calls from the Stewardship booth contacts.

**Hurricane Collection Update** – Approximately \$4600 was collected for relief from Hurricane Harvey, and \$3071 was collected for Hurricane Irma. Neither total included online donations. Thanks to all who collected at the Masses those weekends.

### **New Parishioner Welcome**

The fall welcome will be held Sunday, Oct. 1st at the Coffee and Donuts after the 9:45 Mass . The Save the Date has been sent to the new parishioners who have registered since April. Bonnie will email the buddy families with the contact lists and receive the RSVP's. Terry will get the balloons, Cathy will get the nametags and Bonnie will set up the tablecloths and bring the sign up sheets.

*Please try to attend to meet and greet the new families.*

We've had several buddy families drop out, and will need to recruit more before we have the next welcome in the spring.

### **Parish Council Update**

Terry reported that the gym floor has been replaced, the junior high wing was painted, and the administration wing air conditioning was replaced. They are looking into replacing the boilers. St. Columban is purchasing 4 acres of the Grailville property behind the preschool. Also, the festival netted \$46,000, which is only \$3000 less than last year, in spite of Friday's cancellation.

**Vision Team** – Teresa is our representative to this group, which is meeting on October 2nd. Cathy is also a member of the team. Our October meeting will use the first hour to generate ideas of what we'd like to see happen in the parish.

**Ministry Fair** – Jay spoke to Father, who expressed some concerns about the amount of work involved, and questioned if it was worth it. However, he was not against it. A discussion was held if we should survey the ministry heads or talk to them regarding their needs and level of support. This was tabled until the Vision team meets and we see if ministry needs will be addressed as part of their process.

### **Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting:** October 9