

Stewardship Commission Minutes
January 29, 2018

In Attendance: Cathy Nagy, Teresa Porcaro, Bill Schwanekamp, Jim Callahan, Terry McPhillips, Bonnie Cherry

Opening Stewardship Prayer

Vision Team – Teresa and Cathy brought us up to date on the listening groups and led us in our responses to the first draft of Vision 2021, as well as prioritizing the possible priorities for 2018-2022.

Spotlight Ministry:

January – none (Originally Grand Affair, but they moved to Feb.)

February – Grand Affair

March – Stephen Ministry

Update on Children's Liturgy of the Word – Cathy reported that they have not received any new adult volunteers as a result of September's spotlight, but still felt that the exposure was positive.

Bonnie will contact Social Action Commission and Teresa will contact Women's CRHP for their feedback from October's and November's spotlights.

New Parishioner Outreach

Registration sheets from October/November were passed out for calling.

Stewardship Corner : Jim is assigned for Feb. and Bill for March.

Treasure Sunday –Cathy reported that compared to 2016, we are down 9 in number of pledge cards returned (324), and down \$4200 in amounts pledged. Our total pledged thus far is \$787,000, but cards are still trickling in.

New Parishioner Welcome – March 4th. We discussed that the Buddy Family system has been used since the welcomes started 6 or 7 years ago, but we have lost a number of buddy families, and it was questioned if many were actually following through. It seemed that many buddy families failed to RSVP, and few actually attended the welcome to meet their families. For this spring we thought we might try sending out invitations to new families, along with the usual email "Save the Date" and email reminder just prior to the Welcome Sunday. Cathy and Bonnie will work on this, and the team will reevaluate it at our March meeting.

Christmas Mass handout – It was noted that responses received were either extremely positive, or people questioned why they were again being used. Cathy showed a sample from another parish that was in a more humorous vein, with the message that whoever you are, you are welcome. Bonnie observed that there seemed to be a very large number of our handouts left over, but they also are available at the front desk and go out in the registration packets through March. The cost for the larger number of handouts was negligible.

Grand Affair Stewardship basket - Items purchased by Stewardship for the tailgating-themed basket included a portable grill, a folding table, seat warmer, koozies, a Kroger gift card and a 6-pack of Madtree beer, for a total value of \$150. All items have been turned in, and the team was thanked for their generosity.

Parish Council Update - Terry reported that it was discovered that the family room off the gathering space as well as some other areas were not insulated when constructed, and there were some frozen pipes and damage recently. She also reported that there was an added surplus in funds at the end of the year due to several large donations received because of changes in tax laws for the upcoming year.

Starbucks and Servatii's from Jan. 14 – Once again we hosted a successful event, with an adequate amount of refreshments that seemed to be well appreciated, and a good attendance. There were no suggestions for changes for next year, except that we will write a letter to the Servatii's home office in Oct./Nov. asking for a charitable donation for our baked goods for next year's appreciation breakfast.

Ministry Fair - tabled until Vision Team process is completed

Open Floor – Bill reported that the discernment team had its first meeting, and that they are gathering names for potential discernees. If anyone has any suggestions, please pass along the names and contact info to Bill or Andy.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: March 12th