

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2014

Present: Denise Curtis, Carolynn Leonard, Joe Colonaro, Muriel Healy, Corinne McCumber, Pat Walters, Janice Howard

Denise opened the meeting at 7:10 with a Stewardship Prayer from a different Parish.

It was discussed that Pat needs to convert the minutes to a PDF File so all members can receive them and that Denise will help her with this.

Provisional approval was given to the minutes as submitted because not everyone had read them.

* We discussed the final pages (18-20) of “Disciples Called to Witness”: The main consensus was that we have a weakness for not contacting people who sign up for church programs. Priests, in general, need to be more assertive in supporting from the pulpit Adult Faith Formation Programs to help Catholics who aren’t knowledgeable or strong in their faith. Muriel stated that there should be a way to help the hearing impaired so that they can better hear the Mass. She will contact Immaculate Conception Church to see how to address this matter.

- Denise stated that in order to follow suggestions within the framework of “Disciples Called to Witness”, the entire Church would have to be on board and this would have to go through Parish Council.
- It was discussed that possibly Father or Rick Rafter could have a Question and Answer session to address questions that church members might have. Stewardship has sponsored these events in the past and we might like to revisit this in the coming church year.
- Denise complimented Carolynn and Joe again for all their hard work on the successful Ministry Fair. Janice Howard stated how well run and successful it was.

- Joe stated he was not contacted about the K of C until he brought it to someone's attention. Pat was not called by Liturgy Committee about sacristan training either, but was approached at a service by the committee Chairman that she would be contacted after the Easter festivities were over.

- After much discussion about the newcomers information for the bulletin, we tabled the discussion. We will revisit this at a later date.

- Denise thanked all who came out for Stewardship Committee's turn for the Lenten Supper at Stations of the Cross.

- Pat gave her report about the Lectio Divina Prayer Groups from a four question survey that she conducted. All comments were positive and she will submit a report in writing to Fr. Sam. Denise and Carolynn thanked her for facilitating this during Lent. Father Sam has been supportive about allowing us to continue a combine group session once a month. They will start May 1st. It is opened to all parishioners.

- Denise thanked Carolynn and Pat for the weekly Stewardship bulletin inserts.

- The stewardship Committee agreed to host a possible Stewardship Workshop in the fall at the request of Joe Stong.

- Denise read an email from Brandy Bazemore about encouraging recognition of the Graduates by having them wear their caps and gowns to Mass and having a few words of encouragement for their hard work and continuing faith formation as they go forward. With Stewardship Committee's endorsement, she will approach Fr. Sam.

- Carolynn brought up looking at a Stewardship Prayer Book that Cindy Felipe said she wants to purchase for the entire church with the support of the Stewardship Committee. It was discovered that this is "The Little Burgundy Book" that Pat has suggested at previous meetings. It comes in all 4 gospels and consists of scripture with a stewardship reflection. Denise suggested that if they purchased it needs to be the Gospel of Matthew as it is

in the Cycle A. They could be used for four weeks before the Stewardship Ministry Fair.

- Corrine suggested that we really encourage the Adult Class to get involved with some of these other programs that we want to offer.

- Denise said that she encouraged Pattie to use her best judgment for a budget for Stewardship this year after Pat questioned if we needed to submit one.

- Denise is willing to stay on as President of one more year and the Committee is very encouraged by her decision.

There is no meeting scheduled in May. At 8:15 the meeting was closed with all of us praying the St. Boniface Stewardship Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Walters

