

Stewardship Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016

Present: Gerry Klock, Denise Curtis, Carolynn Leonard, Joe Colanero, Polo Rodriguez, Veronica Figueroa, Corinne McCumber, Pat Walters, Emma Pazos

At 7:01 Polo opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes were approved as amended: November has punctuation corrections and Dec and typo's to be corrected.

Stewardship: A Disciples Response Section entitled: **Stewardship and Development** was discussed which included giving from or “first Fruits”; fund- raising should compliment Stewardship; We should not have an option to choose to receive envelopes and they need to be given out in the newcomers packet. Joe mentioned according to this article we are in a capital campaign with our debt reduction. Concerns were raised that the BAA is a forced kind of giving not really inline with encouraging families to embrace stewardship as a faith response leading to the members wondering if the dioceses has read this material; and that we might need to ask Joe Stong to clarify this.

Emma brought up that it might be nice to send thank you notes to the business community to show our appreciation of their advertising in our bulletin. Joe and Denise suggested it would be nice to advertise the parishioners that have talents and professional skills that people could call for help such as a St. Boniface yellow-pages.

Lectors spoke instead of Pro-life in January and did a fine job: Denise spoke at 5 and 8:30 Masses and Marge Imbertson spoke at 11:30. They worked together on the talk, which was excellent. December did not have a speaker because of all the events happening. We will ask Pro-life to talk in February; Nursery in March; and Parish Outreach in April. The other ministries will be set later.

Polo said he would appeal for more people to step up for Greeters and Ushers because there is not many signed up for 11AM Mass. He will have an invitation printed in the bulletin. He said his roster only has the new

people and he does not know if the prior members still want to volunteer. Discussion was held that there are still commitment cards missing.

Polo needs an updated list from the ministry leaders by mid-February to give to Father Martino. He is emailing them in groups to request this.

After much discussion and a comparison of both 7 Steps to Financial Freedom and Crown ministries it was decided to stay with 7 Steps. Gerry's daughter Kathryn Klock-Powell is very interested in leading this program. The dates have yet to be set but we will look toward the alternative dates of April 10- May 15. Both programs are great and the main issue was 6 weeks vs. 8 weeks of sessions. We have enough leaders to have three groups participate. Carolyn will be available to help with the planning but at this time cannot commit to leading and planning the details of this program. Approximate cost per person is around \$45. Dates need to be set soon and Gerry will talk to Pattie about this.

If we at anytime plan to offer Crown Ministries, Faye and Mark Czachowski would be willing to discuss it with us and help in training leaders. This training can be done online as well.

We are removing the High-School retreat because it is not under Stewardship.

Emma Shared the Pilgrimage coming up for Jubilee Year of Mercy taking place at the Cathedral in Savannah on February 20, 2-4:30. Indulgences are received and she explained what they are. The Southern Cross has a good article that explains all about indulgences. Gerry will contact Pattie about placing information in the bulletin.

Polo and Veronica shared their concern on offering a program to teenagers about Purity and Chastity. They are reviewing a video program that covers about 6 sessions and could be done through youth groups. They also are reviewing one for couples and pre-married couples called "Beloved". We will keep these in mind for future offerings from Stewardship.

Emma asked us to pray for Youth traveling to Washington DC for the Walk for Life January 21-23rd.

There is a half a day workshop on Stewardship for anyone interested in attending January 23, in Statesboro at St. Matthews.

Pat suggested Bishop Barron's devotion on Lent books for this Lent but we are not in a position to purchase those at this time.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2, at 7pm.

We will be discussing *Stewardship: A Disciples Response* pages 59-62
Promoting Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to the Parish and Diocese:
Seven Steps to Success

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Walters