

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2014

Present: Denise Curtis, Carolynn Leonard, Gerry Klock, Muriel Healy, Corinne McCumber, Pat Walters

Denise called the meeting to order at 7:06PM. Pat opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the January 23, 2014, meeting were read and approved as printed.

Committee Formation

- We discussed pages Part V: 15-17 of “Disciples Called to Witness,” with the most important concern being ongoing conversion of our own parishioners. We discussed the need for a long term plan (5 years, 10 years) for St. Boniface.
- Members should read Part V: pg 18-20 and the Conclusion to discuss at the next meeting.
- To encourage faith formation within each committee, Denise has emailed all the committees and suggested that they read and discuss this same document or something of their own choosing
- Carolynn suggested that at some point a member of the Stewardship Committee needs to visit each of the other committees within the church and discuss the mission of stewardship with them so that they can understand how it will benefit St. Boniface.

Ministry Fair

- Carolynn reported that the Ministry Fair went well with good feedback. She shared an email from Yvette Carr about how well organized the fair was and the great turn out. Pat added that Fr. Mench’s encouragement from the pulpit was very helpful.
- Joe sent a Thank You to all committees for their hard work and encouraged them to contact the new people who signed up; if they can’t, they are to let the Stewardship Committee know so that we can follow up, because it is so important to do that quickly.

- Approximately 145 people (current and new) signed up for various ministries with the most sign-ups for the different Liturgy areas and Family Promise.
- Stewardship had 2 new people sign up; they can't make the meetings but do want to be included in helping with anything they can.
- Denise presented Carolynn and Joe with a gift of appreciation from the Committee for all their hard work in planning the Ministry Fair.
- Discussion was held that we in the church need to stop negative attitudes by focusing on the positives that go on within our Church.

#### Newcomer's Pamphlet

- Discussion was held about the proposed newcomer's pamphlet. We realized that there are two different pamphlets we are considering. The pamphlet that Cindy Felipe suggested did not really work for how our seats are set up in our church. The committee thinks that Joe's pamphlet of committees and contact numbers would be better suited for St. Boniface and should be included in the newcomer's packet. Corrine suggested the part of Cindy's pamphlet that parishioners can fill out be incorporated into the bulletin.
- Gerry commented that after Mass, many people speak to Father Sam with specific concerns or needs. This can be overwhelming and a request can potentially be forgotten. She suggested that, after each Mass, if someone stands beside Father he can refer those requests to him/her, and that person can ensure that the requests are brought to Father's attention later that day or the next.

#### New Business

- Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meatless suppers: the Stewardship Committee will host the March 14 supper and the Adult Faith Formation Class will take April 11. The host committee is expected to set up drinks, ice, plates, and napkins, and to clean up afterwards. Members should bring a meatless dish to share and arrive no later than 6:20 pm. Denise will email Joe Bahm with the dates for Stewardship and Adult Faith Formation.
- Father has approved the proposed sessions on prayer for the Lenten season. Pat will lead two groups on Thursdays for the 6 weeks of Lent on how to use the prayer method of Lectio Divina. A morning and an evening session will be available.

- At this time no one is able to attend the Stewardship conference in Atlanta on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Denise announced that she will resign the chairmanship of the Stewardship Committee at the end of June due to personal commitments. She asked the members to consider if they would be interested in being the chairman for next year.

There will not be a regular committee meeting in March. The next meeting will be on April 27 at 7:00 pm.

The members prayed our Stewardship prayer together, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Walters  
Secretary