

St. John Paul II
Parish Stewardship Meeting Minutes March 17, 2016
Parish Office

Members Present: Fr. Mauricio, Janice Patrowski, Lisa Weber

Absent: Norman Sass, Veronica Palkowski, Marlene Castillo, Marlyn Powalisz,

Lisa Weber called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The committee prayed a stewardship prayer.

Associate Pastors Report from Fr. Mauricio:

- Interfaith will be making a presentation for our parish on April 17, 2016 at St Helen's site
- Very busy preparing for Holy week, and for bilingual Stations of the Cross on Friday
- There will be approximately 25 persons will be baptized or confirmed at the Easter Vigil.
- Fr. Mauricio will be on vacation the week after Easter.
- Religious Education Congress Conference in California was great.

Parish Council Report- Janice:

- Bob Lynch shared Synod implantation updates with Council. Mass attendance was up in 2015. Archdiocese emphasis to be placed on young adult ministry and evangelization. Still requesting making the Catholic Stewardship Appeal available in Spanish.
- Shared Time, Talent and Treasure results with Council. Donation of handmade cards.

Old Business:

- Time, talent and treasure: Updated committee on responses. Fr. Mauricio would like to send thank you cards to all those who returned the forms.
- Soup and Prayer: Encountering Mercy: 48 people attended, Fr. Mike gave a great presentation and hopefully this can be an annual event. The whole event cost less than \$100.00.
- Roy will write article for "Spotlight" on catechists, will be published when bulletin space is available.
- Interfaith presentation scheduled for April 17, 2016, SHH @ 11:30 am. Members of Parish Stewardship and Human Concerns committees have been asked to attend so they understand program and can help inform others. Fr. Mauricio will not be able to attend entire program he has another event at SA site. Interfaith is willing to come back and present to the committees if needed.

New Business:

- Catholic Stewardship Appeal: 2016 Transformed by the Spirit, no update. Fr. Mike has been approached to be filmed at SJK church part of next year's CSA video. Fr. Norbie will also be a part of next year's video presentation.
- FIOF – no update
- Fr. Mauricio has expressed concern over the signing of the sheets for the religious education students after mass, he feels it sometimes interferes with interacting with parishioners. Perhaps we could do a better job redirecting students to others who can sign them after mass.
- Next "Spotlight on Stewardship" – Catechists. Lisa will contact and work with Roy for this article. Future article ideas include: choir, marriage programs. Also still working on "did you know" opportunities, e.g.: serving food with St Vincent de Paul, prayer shawls, communion to sick, vespers.
- "Beyond Donut Sunday – Building a Truly Welcoming Parish" Start with working with ushers and others to encourage. May ideas to share to hopefully implement some of the suggestions from the seminar. Lisa will try to write up a summary and suggestions to share. Lisa shared 2 surveys that were part of the presentation with the committee and with Fr. Mike and Lisa would like Parish Council to take the surveys and share their answers in order to help build a truly welcoming parish.

The forms ask a variety of questions and it would help us identify some good places to start our work.

- 2016 goals: Increase scores on the Beyond Donut Sunday – Building a Truly Welcoming Parish, starting with just one area or problem.
- Next spotlight on stewardship, to be discussed at next meeting. (Aug)
- Parish directory: Information will be rotated through the bulletin and will include a contact person. Parish directory may not be published again. Check with Marlyn about areas she thinks are lacking.
- Parish Stewardship Meetings for the remainder of the year, the 3rd Thursday of the month for September, October, November and December. Lisa will contact Doreen.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2016.

We prayed the Our Father and adjourned our meeting at 7:25 pm.

Lisa Weber
Parish Stewardship Chairperson