



**Stewardship Council Meeting
MINUTES
04/23/2019 7:15pm Choir Room**

Council Members: Brian Bruner, Lisa Burse, Lynne Caldwell, Jane Hackenmueller, Steve House, Karen Nordgren, Fr. Peter Richards, Patty Washatka

Visitor(s)/Guest Presenter(s): Katie Henkel; CSC Representative, Annual Renewal Results discussion
Minute Taker: Lynne Caldwell

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION MINUTES	ACTION(S) / OWNER(S)
Meeting Called to Order at 7:15pm		
1. Roll Call	Absent:	
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Richards	Evening Prayer	
3. Approval of Meeting minutes	Feb 26, 2019 (note: Apr 2 Council Meeting was on Mission Planning – no minutes)	Lisa, Karen
4. Approval of Agenda		Approved
5. Stewardship Formation	Divine Renovation: Fr. Richards lead the Chapter 1 discussion.	Fr. R Chap 1 *All read and be prepared to discuss Chap 2 at the May 28 meeting.
Order of Business		
6. 2019 Annual Renewal Results/ Kick off 2020 Renewal planning	Katie Henkel, of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) - Guest presenter via teleconference: Katie walked the Council through the Annual Stewardship Renewal results. *Katie commented that it takes time for Stewardship to be seen as a way of life. Our positive results show that parishioners have a growing understanding of this. Katie said since it has been 10 years since our parish started the Annual Stewardship Renewal, and we have new families, etc... it might be a good idea to go back to basics. Explain the why, when, what it means to give in the areas of time, talent, treasure.	

*Fr. R asked Katie if she had any suggestions to increase the cards that are returned.

-Preach on renewal weekends. That Fr. should continue to preach about the foundational principles of stewardship. How it helps them grow spiritually.

-Social media – moving toward this. Facebook, Instagram, Website. Also hitting multiple ways to fill out commitment cards. Online version link and put on parish website.

*On the cards, parishioners are asked to give or do something in relation to their time, treasure, talents. Fr. Richards asked if Katie had any suggestions on ways for parishioners to receive. Something that is discussed in the book Divine Renovation. Katie will brainstorm ideas and get back to Fr. R/Council.

*Fr. asked Katie if she had ideas on building a stronger connection with the school and the parish in relation to the Stewardship Renewal. Katie will speak to Eric about this and get back to Fr. R/Council.

*Fr. Richards asked if she had suggestions on how he could better prepare witnesses who are to speak on the Kickoff Weekend... and also those who give a witness in the Newsletter. She said to ask them to think about how their hearts have been converted. To talk about their journey, their transformation. She said to review their talk with them before. Guide them... reassure them. Katie said she could work with the witnesses directly as they prepare their testimony.

*Fr. R asked for a fresh copy of the CSC guidelines. Katie will send to Fr.

*Article in May Newsletter on the Stewardship Renewal Results.

** Dates set for 2020 Renewal: November 2nd and 3rd, 2019 – Katie has sent that material.

7. Lenten Mission – April 8-11 th	Fr. Richards thought the parish mission with Fr. Larry Richards was a great success. It was estimated that there were 900 people in attendance each night. Fr. felt that 90% of that was our parishioners. We received such positive feedback of the mission. *Please pass feedback onto Patty for a future article on the mission. Fr. Larry commented to Fr. R that he was impressed on how many young people attended the mission. We had comments from visitors on what a welcoming parish we were. We touched briefly on how best to follow-up on future missions... to keep the momentum going after a mission.	Future discussion
8. Parish Communication Plan	Build on discussion. Begin formalizing the objectives/goals/tasks. How to encourage our parishioners to inculcate this into their lives – all to memorize and quote the mission as Matthew 28:19-20 “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”	Ongoing
9. Lay Advisory Board	Patty explained the goals of the Archdiocese Lay Advisory Board that meets with Archbishop Hebda. She explained the role of each deanery and her role as our parish representative. Patty held up a <i>Catholic Spirit</i> which carried an article on the Lay Advisory Board. Link: http://thecatholicspirit.com/news/local-news/first-lay-advisory-board-meeting-opens-new-dialogue-for-archdiocese/ Patty and the St. Albert’s rep, Heidi Van De Berg, will meet with Fr. Richards on Thursday to talk about how best to introduce themselves as each parish’s rep and to communicate the purpose and goals of the archdiocese lay advisory board and how parishioners can contribute to the discussion.	
Future Business		
Upcoming Topics		
Next Month’s Formation	Divine Renovation – Chapter 2	
Next Month Meeting	Tuesday, May 28 th at 7:15 in the Choir Room	
Meeting Adjourn by 9:00pm		Brian, Jane
Closing Prayer	Saint Michael Mission Prayer (see below)	



Glory and praise to You, O Lord. In humble gratitude for the enduring faith of St. Michael Catholic Church, we turn to You for guidance. Grant us the wisdom to comprehend Your mission for us and the courage to joyfully bring it to completion. Transform our minds by Your truth, our hearts by Your love, and our actions for Your service. Abounding in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become a people living for Christ. Amen.