

St. Ann Stewardship Finance Subcommittee Meeting Notes 02/17/2009

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with an opening prayer led by the chairman. In attendance were:
John Burkart
Tom Schmidt
Andy Lampl
Ken Ross
Mark Hingsbergen – chairman

A follow-up to last meeting was conducted:

1. Gift Card Program
 - a. Bulletin insert – Tom is still working on a bulletin insert that can be printed and added on an upcoming week when there is another insert (i.e., help available). Tom also suggested we contact others preparing bulletin inserts and request that a reminder for the gift card program be added.
 - b. Announcements in bulletin and at Mass – Mark contacted Susan and has since requested a monthly announcement at Sunday Masses.
2. Report on Building & Grounds
 - a. List of accomplishments – John is still working on a list of accomplishments but provided us with an updated list of work that needs to be done. The B&G crew scheduled a work session at the school on 2/23 and a request for help from up to 10 volunteers was included in the 2/22 announcements at Mass.
3. Report on Electronic Giving campaign
 - a. Mark reported that the electronic giving program was presented to the Finance Committee, and has established the logistics. The proposal was well-received.
 - b. Mark will be designing a survey card and establishing a schedule for program roll-out.
4. Bequest program
 - a. Mark reported that the bequest program was presented to the Finance Committee and was received well. Mark requested a focal point for this program.
 - b. Ken suggested that we contact the funeral homes that serve the parish, and see if it's possible to establish a gift through them (which would serve as an alternative to modifying a will).
5. Endowment Fund
 - a. Mark reported that the parish may be closer to establishing an endowment fund than originally expected, and provided details on that.
6. 20/20 Campaign
 - a. Mark presented a draft of the program to the subcommittee, along with a draft of the signup card. The next step is to obtain approval from Fr. Mondiek and establish a target for the program. Since the meeting a request for input has been sent to Fr. Several possible campaign targets were discussed, among them repairs to the church bell tower.
7. Other Items
 - a. Finance Committee flowdown – Mark provided flowdown from the February Finance Committee meeting
 - b. Stewardship Education Subcommittee flowdown – Mark briefed the subcommittee on the formation and current activities of the SES.

Open discussion followed. One topic discussed was the parish web site, and getting all of the new stewardship activity updated. A general discussion of stewardship and parish involvement followed, and Ken related to us some of his recent experiences with a vibrant parish in Florida. Many good ideas were discussed.

The meeting was ended at approximately 8:30 PM with a closing prayer led by the chairman.