

STEWARDSHIP – A WAY OF LIFE
(Prayer – Service – Sharing)

Meeting – Tuesday, June 6, 2007, 6:30 PM – Stewardship Commission Room (Old St. Jude School)

Chair: Father Pete Renard

Attendees: Annunciation Parish – Joe Arttus, Joann Vaile
St. Jude Parish – Marty Kyles, Mike Charles, Casey Chrudimsky
St. Joseph – Tim Younk, Don Schneider, Bonnie Ledvina

1. Fr. Pete lead the group in Prayer
2. Minutes from last meeting (05-01-07)
 - o Meeting minutes were approved as written.
3. Agenda Additions: None
4. Responses/Initiatives from Parish Councils
 - o Annunciation – Nothing to report.
 - o St. Joseph – Nothing to report
 - o St. Jude - Nothing to report
5. “Advancing the Mission” – follow-up
 - o Fr. Pete stated that there is a chairperson from each parish who is responsible for follow up on Advancing the Mission (ATM) and they are as follows:
 - Annunciation - Donna Bouressa
 - St. Joseph - Kathy LaLuzerne
 - St. Jude – Has not been decided
 - o Joe suggested that some type of visual chart/graph for the ATM goals as well as one for the parish budgets might be appropriate for each parish. This could be displayed in the churches for parishioners to see. Representatives of the Stewardship Commission should ask the Finance Council person at the Parish Council if we can help in any way to accomplish this.
6. Ministry Fair Weekend of May 5/6.

Fr. Pete suggested we list the Positive and Negative feedback relating to the Fair.

Negative

- Lack of witness talks preceding campaign
- Conflict with ATM going on at same time
- Lack of participation time for some participants (i.e., late joiners of organizations and/or committees)

- Conflict with other programs (i.e., Youth Group, 1st Communion, Confirmation, fund raiser - Youth Group didn't really get involved because it was just being formed at that time)
- Not available before Mass.

Positive

- Excellent turnout of both groups/organizations and attendance
- Good displays
- Plenty of room (location)
- Door prizes (St. Joseph's)
- Refreshments served
- Highlight people who are involved (parishioners could see what others are doing)
- Nice follow up in the Compass
- Drew interest
- Banner procession

Note: Fr. Pete read some comments from Sr. Toni which highlighted positive and negative feedback as well as made suggestions for future campaigns.

7. "Sharing Treasures" responses

- o Response was poor (only 3 as follows)
 - St. Jude – Anna Mae – Music is used by 5 groups so not available
 - School Principal – they have furniture and audio/visual equipment that can be shared
 - Annunciation – Gen Devroy – All they have is given away to the missions

8. "Ministry Fair" next spring at each parish

- o Joann passed out copies of various brochures from several committees that were used at previous ministry fairs. Joe also passed out a few other items on stewardship and advised that he has a lot of information on Stewardship and it is available to the other parishes if they want it.
- o Fr. Pete suggested May 5/6 (Inspiration Weekend 3 – Service: *How can I be involved*) as an appropriate time for the Ministry Fairs. The "Advancing the Mission" people have to approve, however, they may want to go with a different weekend.

9. Fr. Pete asked if someone would take over writing Stewardship notes in the Parish bulletin each week. Casey suggested that each Parish alternate by the month and everyone agreed. Starting the June 30/July 1 weekend the rotation by calendar month will be as follows:

- July – St. Jude
- August – St. Joseph
- September – Annunciation
- October – To be determined (either St. Patrick's or St. Jude)

10. Next Commission meeting will be the August 7. Our new priest will most likely take over as chairperson of the commission. The members of the Commission that will be as follows:

Annunciation Joe Arttus (?), Gen Devroy (leaving), Joann Vaile (staying)
 St. Joseph's Decision has not been made
 St. Jude's Marty Kyles (staying), Casey Chrudimsky (staying), Mike Charles, (leaving)

11. Casey requested volunteers for preparing and serving a meal at the Room-At-The-Inn, 301 Mather Street. Several volunteered and will be helping on June 25, 2007. Marty will contact everyone with specifics via email.

Closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be August 7, 2007.

Additional note: Bonnie brought in a cake and we celebrated Fr. Pete as this was the last Commission meeting he will attend. Good luck and God bless you in all of your endeavors.