

**Parish Executive Council Meeting
February 3, 2010**

Purpose of Meeting: To further discuss the pursuit of stewardship and the formation of a stewardship team. Planning was also discussed concerning upcoming events such as a Spring Town Hall Meeting, Lenten Service, and the Easter Vigil reception.

In attendance: Beverly Oddi, Cathy Magied, June Bergman, Mike Agriesti, Theresa Noonan, Jim Martin, Barb Johnson, Mark O'Laughlin, and Bob Davis

Stewardship & Development goals:

- All agreed to pursue the Stewardship approach discussed in our last meeting
- Driving both involvement and funding.
- Getting people involved, volunteering to help provide the things that the parish not only needs but what the parish wants.

Lenten Service Project possibilities:

- It was mentioned perhaps helping people with resume advice, proofreading resumes, and perhaps helping with a practice interviews sessions. This could be in the format of a weekend clinic.
- Those offering this kind of assistance could be not only the management type people whose business it is to read resumes and make hiring decisions, but could also include older parishioners who can draw on their life experience in offering advice and moral support for those unemployed or underemployed. Clinic would not be a job fair.
- June Bergman suggested involving older people in this and in other areas. They could be "Foster grand parents", help out in and around the church and school. Having them realize their value anew again by being involved in a way that makes them see they are needed and appreciated.

RCIA Easter Vigil Reception:

- Michelle has volunteered to head up the reception, but will need more to help out.
- Could we ask youth to help out? - could count as service hours.
- Could we ask last years RCIA inductees to help out and make a annual tradition of trying to have the last year's "class" help welcome the neophytes?
- Bob and Mark O'Laughlin volunteered to help again.

Spring Town Hall Meeting to be held April 18th.

- Do we want to have a specific group to come and give a talk. - Perhaps the Saint Vincent DePaul Society.
- Should we make a point of inviting new parishioners? Yes
- Should reps from each parish group/ be there - not to necessarily give a talk to be there to hear the information and to be available for sharing and networking? Yes – we should invite them personally.
- Will need to post announcement in News from the Pews and upcoming bulletins as well as the parish website. Possibly posting agenda. Agenda should include Stewardship, Religious Education Update, Finance, and the featured group. Hold the Date announcement will be added to March News from the Pews.
- Will need to plan for refreshments, to have childcare and volunteers to handle both.
- Mark, who did such a good job last time volunteered to emcee again. Jim Martin will again take minutes for posting on the website.

More Stewardship and service ideas:

- When Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and shut-in perhaps they could also spend some time and read the readings that were read at the Mass. Could we also somehow tape the homilies so that they could be played for or by the sick and shut-in. This could not only help share in the insights given to us from the ambo but help the sick/shut-in feel more connected to the parish.

Next Parish Executive Council Meeting is March 3rd; Easter is April 4th; April 7th is a planned date for distribution of names of parish group leaders to members of Parish Executive Council to call and ask to come to Town Hall Meeting.

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