

Holy Family Stewardship Committee
Agenda
February 5, 2009

Present: Jeni Noe, Rhea Behlke, Gwen Gilles, Stephanie Martin, Jim Simon, Tom Bestul, Angie Bestul, Fr. Pat Heppe

Excused: Bob and Arlene Ramstack

1. Prayer and reflection
2. Father's Report – Fr. Pat discussed his duties as Vicar for Clergy and the upcoming transition. He noted that Archbishop Dolan will be celebrating the 10:15am Mass at Holy Family on Easter Sunday.
3. Director's Report – Rhea updated the committee on current financial giving patterns. She provided past giving history and the preliminary budget situation as reported by the Finance Committee. Before preliminary budgets were turned in by departments the Finance Committee anticipated a \$349,000 deficit. As departmental budgets come in, that number is expected to grow.
4. Stewardship of Finance – The committee looked at the Stewardship of Treasure plan for the calendar year. There will be another pledging period in March asking all parishioners to “Step Up” their level of giving. In addition to the usual yearly appeals, Rhea has worked in a few special mailings targeted at specific groups. Quarterly statements will include newsletters from the priests highlighting areas of parish ministry that donors are helping. The committee felt the overall plan was good, but wanted to make sure that no individuals would be receiving an undue number of appeals. They stressed the sensitivity of increased requests for giving during difficult economic times; calls to give should be couched with the request that “those who are able” increase. A recommendation was made to use personal stories from faithful givers. The committee was also in favor of having an “Apple Tree” in the back of church next fall which will enable parishioners to adopt the costs of a Christian Formation student or supplies for the programs. There are an increasing number of families requesting financial aid for Christian Formation programs; this will help provide the costs for those families.
5. New Business -none

Next Meeting: March 5, 2009 6:30pm