

Holy Family Stewardship Committee
Minutes
May 7, 2009

Present: Rhea Behlke, Fr. Pat Heppe, Angie Bestul, Jean Sorgel, Jim Simon, Gwen Gilles, Arlene Ramstack, Bob Ramstack

Excused: Tom Bestul, Stephany Martin, Jennie Noe

1. Prayer and reflection – Rhea and Fr. Pat
2. Father's Report – Diocesan priests' meeting this week. Discussed new priest assignments, had a speaker on Liturgy. Archbishop Weakland has a book coming out.
3. Director's Report – We have received 215 "Take a Step" cards back with increased steps in the amount of \$45-\$47,000. 219 Responded that they will increase if they can. A number said that they were not able to increase.

Letters will be going out to members who have given the same amount for two years to request that they consider stepping up.

Letters went out to "Building With Living Stones" donors who pledged more than \$1000 but still have a significant amount remaining. They were asked to notify the parish if they could not fulfill their pledge by the end of the year.

Stewardship of Finance – Summary of collection was passed out and discussed. Also passed out was a comparison of giving trends per age group in 2004 vs 2009. Fr. Pat reported that other parishes have seen a decline in giving.

Diocese capital campaign – Bentley Foster (campaign consultant) feels good communication of how Holy Family connects to the diocese is essential. Fr. Pat, Rhea and Matthew Rodenkirch are working on an informational mailing for June regarding our place in the diocese. A July mailing will discuss the Trust. In August beginning information regarding the campaign will be sent.

4. New Business – Staff though alternating the Ministry Fair every other year with an Appreciation Celebration for all volunteers would be appropriate. To bring 20-40 age group back and involved, suggestions included: Movie night, family night, Theology on Tap, evangelization, welcome back Catholics.

FishFest profit was \$1200.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2009 6:30pm