

# Stewardship Commission Meeting Notes

October 1, 2020

6 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Gail Kraig, Jim Simon, Steve Bembenista, Lori Hornung, Katie Mathos, Mike Bauer, Stephanie Martin, Brita McCullough, Tom Endejan, Michelle Ludtke, Fr. Ryan

**Introduction:** The meeting was held via Zoom and began with an Autumn Prayer. Tom Endejan was welcomed as a new member of the Commission.

**2020 Gala Awards Prayer Service:** Gail reported on the Gala Awards Prayer Service Held Wednesday, September 2, 2020 since the Gala that had been scheduled for April was cancelled for this year due to Covid-19. It was a very nice event with a prayer service held in Holy Family Church and a physically distanced social event which followed in the Hall for the award recipients and their family members. The following Holy Family parishioners received the Gala Servant Leadership Awards being honored for their gifts of time, talent and treasure: David Gau, Agustin and Maria del Carmen Valenzuela, James and Pamela Todd, Mark and Catherine Daniels, James Davenport, Carol Riegert, James and Lisa Sutton, Paul and Cheryl Diedrich, John and Nancy Schmitz, Kevin and Debra Freund, Everett Schwalbe, Christian and Catherine McGalloway, Francis and Paulette Endejan, Stephen Victor, Terence and Gail Tomkowiak and Mary Ann Austin. Thomas Klamrowski received the first St. Juan Diego Award for “exemplary service” as a long-time staff member of Holy Family in the area of music ministry.

**Gala Event, April 28, 2021:** The eighth Annual Gala will be held on April 28, 2021 with the customary format. The 2020 Gala was canceled due to Covid-19, but the majority of those who donated tables/seats gave their “payments” back to Holy Family. Revenue from the event was \$21,000. The attendance at the event, if it had been held, would have been the largest Gala attendance in seven years. Special thanks to Lori Hornung and Lindsey Kraig for co-chairing the Gala and the silent auction; we will need to find new co-chairs for the silent auction for the 2021 event, as both are stepping down at this time.

**Missionary Fraternity of Mary Initiative:** The Stewardship Commission initiative to raise funds from our parishioners for the Missionary Fraternity of Mary was a great success, having raised \$24,524.31 at this time. The Fraternity is very grateful for our support. We will decide in the next few months what the campaign will look like for 2021.

**Covid-19 Financial Outlook:** Holy Family is keeping pace with budgeted projections for contributions. Thank you to our parishioners for continuing to make their donations during these trying times. We will continue to monitor our financial picture and report on it at the end of 2020.

**Donor Data:** Data regarding age of donors giving and the amount of gifts given in various financial categories was shared with the group.

**Estate Planning/Bequests Plan:** The Commission recommended that Director seek out a third party educational program to provide information via a webinar to inform interested parishioners of how to include Holy Family Catholic Community in their estate planning and bequests. Gail and Michelle will look into this and get back to the Commission.

**Living Nativity:** The Living Nativity is scheduled for December 12, 2021 at 4 p.m. at Holy Family Church.

**New Rectory Project:** Fr. Ryan reported on the possibility of building a new rectory on the Holy Family site property due to the age and condition of the other three rectories (Sacred Heart, Our Risen Savior and St. Peter). A committee has been formed to assist Fr. Ryan as to the feasibility of initiating this type of project. Members of the Stewardship Commission may be asked to help raise awareness and funding for this project should it become a reality going forward. More information will be shared after the New Rectory Committee meets later in October.

**Conclusion:** The meeting ended at 8 a.m. with a blessing by Fr. Ryan.

**Upcoming Meeting and Information:** The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** Notification will be given prior as to whether or not the meeting will be held in person or via *Zoom*. This will be Gail's last meeting before her retirement on February 28, 2021. Michelle Ludtke will be the new Director of Parish Operations and will begin training with Gail on November 1, 2020.