

Stewardship Commission Meeting Notes

April 15, 2021

6 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Fr. Ryan, Jim Simon, Lori Hornung, Katie Mathos, Stephanie Martin, Tom Endejan, Michelle Ludtke.

Excused: Brita McCullough, Mike Bauer, Steve Bembenista

Prayer: Led by Michelle.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6pm in-person only.

Gala Event, April 28, 2021: The Gala event that is scheduled as a Prayer Service for April 28, 2021 has 40 people that have RSVP'd. There will be 16 Servant Leadership Award presented as well as the 1 St. Juan Diego Award. There will be boxed cupcakes for those attending to take with them.

Missionary Fraternity of Mary: Jim shared information about the need for the MFM as there are currently 5 or 6 priests in Milwaukee diocese from this order, including our own Fr. Fabian and previously Fr. Max. It was discussed that people in our parish may not recognize the connection between the MFM and that they serve Holy Family. Currently the seminary in Guatemala has 100 men in the seminary; so there is a definite need for funding. Ideas to promote the giving to MFM: 1) Katie suggested a "jeans day" at SMSA. She will look into that to see if it is possible before the end of the school year. 2)Reminder/Article in the bulletin, possibly a note from Fr. Fabian thanking for support and give some details about his order. 3)Doing a check presentation to Fr. Fabian and then post in FB and Good News. 4)Idea also of having a collection box that might be year-round or possibly for a limited period of time? 5)Discussion of having envelopes in the pews. This is probably not preferred method due to possibility of other envelopes in pews. 6) There has been envelopes specifically added for MFM in March/April to the envelope packet. This is sent to approximately 3,700 families. 7) There is also the Propagation of Faith weekend collection that Erin spearheads, but in the past has designated Missionary Fraternity of Mary as the designee.

Since 2019, the MFM has been paid \$31,799.65 with an additional \$3,234.47 will be paid to them shortly.

General Financial Outlook: At this time we are ahead of budget with collections for the month of March. We were down about \$59,000 from the amount of revenue budgeted for Easter weekend, (\$110,00 was budget revenue; we received \$50,828) We surmise that some of the deposit counted from the week prior included some Easter weekend giving (just based on how the days of the month fell). Overall we are up 5.4% compared to FY 20. We have seen an increase lately with the number of people attending Mass; but uncertain yet as how this will impact giving.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal-update:

Holy Family Parish Goal for 2021=	\$217,403
Amount raised at this time=	\$163,997.44
% of Goal that we have met=	75.43%

This was done by 721 donors which is about 12.4% of our total households

Sarah will be putting a notice in the *Good News* regarding the progress.

Sale of Presentation School and Marquette Street Property:

Marquette Street property has been sold and closed on March 31.

PBVM School building was originally set to close at the end of May, we are currently still trying to move that date up to April 23. Rummage sale took place for two days on a weekend. Al is currently still moving out the larger items that we can utilize at Holy Family. Optimists will be moving out their items this weekend.

New Rectory Update- Fr. Ryan:

Things are moving forward, met with Archdiocese to get the approval to request bids which we expect to get shortly. Lisa has done a lot of work with the design, drawings and layout. Tom Groeschl has been very involved in the process and has lots of knowledge of building process, bidding and such. We are grateful to have him. Next step is to solicit bids from 6 different contractors. The building costs have increased 20-30% in the last few months. We are still hopeful to break ground on November 2, 2021

Stewardship Activities

Printed envelopes in the pews: Discussion regarding positives: evidence that this does increase giving amount when amount is “asked” for on the envelope. Negatives: can look messy, kids writing on, ripping. Discussed the option of putting a single giving amount of the envelope (\$10) or putting different options on the envelope as suggestions. Also discussed adding a Venmo QSR code for people to do electronically. Decided to do a trial period at HF, asking ushers to help tidy up the area after Masses.

A side note from this discussion was brought up the Amazon Smile account or if there were other ways to promote giving that doesn’t cost the parishioner anything extra. Fr. Ryan had an idea of possibly having a business card size for Venmo information on one side and possibly the Amazon Smile on the other.

Cash drawing update: The proceeds from the cash drawing during the Covid time increased between \$7000-\$8000 compared to the months just prior to covid. This is data from Ellen:

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
2021	\$12,343			
2020	\$4,740.30	\$12,702.77	\$14,058.79	\$13,057.74
2019	\$4,770.38	\$4,511.15	\$5,463.43	\$4,467.11

There was nothing that was changed in the program. Discussion was brought up about the amount of tickets that need to be labeled. Does it make sense to have less tickets for larger dollar amounts. Fr. Ryan suggested googling to see what the optimum may be.

Living Nativity: Still planning for the beginning of December 2021- planning for two shows. Eva is working on getting the animals lined up now. The place that we did get the camels from in the past have gone out of business. She was able to locate another farm.

Octoberfest: Fr. Ryan's idea to have this in the courtyard in possibly September or October. Start after 10am Mass on a Sunday, with beer, root beer/soda, brats, polka music, games for the kids. Overall the group thought this would be a great idea. Plan to move forward with it.

Suggestions of other ideas:

Food truck event in the parking lot of Holy Family- this was an idea that the group as a whole supported. Possibly tie together with a car show? Or maybe tours of the church facility?

Would like to have kid-friendly events.

Run/Walk event was discussed.

Goal for amount raised from Stewardship Activities:

Father suggested that we have an amount that would be a goal of monies to be raised by the Stewardship Activities. This would be something measurable for Eva to use as a guideline when planning the events.

Comments: Discussion about what is the purpose of the Stewardship Commission. Michelle will get a directive from the Parish Council Manual from the Archdiocese and will share at the next meeting.

Comments as to whether activities would be focused more as money making/fundraising efforts or if the main focus would be fellowship/social activities. Suggested that we should have clear lines as to what the purpose of the events would be.

Michelle thanked all for attending for your patience and helping to get me up to speed of the activities of this Commission.

It was determined to have the next meeting **in-person** in the Holy Family Board Room on July 15.

Submitted by: Michelle Ludtke