

Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes

– October 10, 2024 –

Members Present: Tom Bestul, Tom Endejan, Lori Hornung, Mike Immel, Michelle Ludtke, Stephanie Martin, Michael Schaefer, Jim Simon, Eva Thelen-Dunphy

Meeting began at 6 p.m. in Holy Family Board Room.

Vision Statement: *To be disciples in Christ – living witness to the Good News.*

Holy Family Mission Statement: *We are a Catholic community empowered through the Holy Spirit to love God and follow Jesus Christ through faith, worship and witness.*

Guest Speaker

- We welcomed Cindy Lukowitz, the Director of Offertory and Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Cindy discussed ideas and concerns dealing with stewardship (parishioner involvement and giving) with helpful suggestions for all parishes to implement and practice. Video presentations with acted scenarios (made by the diocese) were shared, as well as website info. and other available resources.

Missionary Fraternity of Mary (MFM)

- Total donations for FY2024 of \$2,910.
- Recent additional funds collected (from August 17-18th weekend masses) from the 'Propagation of Faith' envelopes went directly to MFM.

General Financial Outlook

- New fiscal year (began 7-1-24) thus far shows a \$13,000 surplus.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2024

- Parish goal to raise for this year (thru December of 2024) is \$239,000.
Current amount raised is at \$201,800.

Welcome Committee

- Discussion of possible ideas to help further welcome new parishioners (more contact from parish or representative, "welcome gift," giveaway, paper packet containing detailed parish info. and resources, etc.).
- Small committee formed (Tom Bestul, Tom Endejan and Lori Hornung) to further pursue best way to move forward with additional ideas and plans.
- Currently, once new parishioners are registered, they receive an official welcome from Michelle Ludtke, are added to the weekly parish email list, and are contacted by a member of the parish welcoming committee.

Stewardship Committee Budget Update

- Budget of \$10,000 for the fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Money goes toward parish activities, events and hospitality Sundays. Amount spent for 2023 came in at \$11,644.

Other Business

- Sacred Heart site is in need of additional mass greeters.

Old Business & Reports:

Latin Flavor Event

- Held on Sunday, July 14th at HF – annual community event with great variety of food and entertainment. Attendance was good; profit was \$3,600 this year.

Cor Unum Prayer Service & Refreshments

- Held on Wednesday, September 18th, at HF in collaboration with St. Mary's Springs Academy. Received extremely well, this event is a special way to highlight the important connection between parish and school. Evening included prayer service and hors d'oeuvres/drinks reception, along with recognition awards given by SMSA and HF.
- HF presents service awards in five categories: Youth, Heritage, Benefactor, St. Juan Diego and Volunteer of the Year.

Oktoberfest Event

- The 4th annual event was held on Saturday, September 28th at HF.
- Total revenue numbers are not yet available, but will be the most successful to date. (Recorded profit in 2023 was \$3,773.99)

Cash Drawing Revenue:

| | <u>Winter</u> | <u>Spring</u> | <u>Summer</u> | <u>Fall</u> | |
|------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 2024 | \$2,114 | \$7,326 | *New Ticket Format \$6,567 | *November 19th | |
| 2023 | \$4,073 | \$3,956 | \$6,433 | \$5,709 | |
| 2022 | \$8,494 | \$7,400 | \$6,510 | \$6,716 | * Updated format of 6 tickets for \$30 (instead of 30 tickets for \$30). Saved parish approx. \$1,500 in printing and perforation costs. Mailing cost is 17 cents per envelope |
| 2021 | \$12,343 | \$11,121 | \$9,372 | \$8,084 | |

Upcoming 2024 Events/Dates:

- Volunteer Appreciation Packer Party, November 17th
- Cash Drawing, November 19th
- Christmas Choir Concert, December 1st
- Christmas Light Parade, December 7th
- Christmas Cookie Decorating & Movie Night, December 14th

Meeting Dates for 2025

- January 9th, April 10th, July 10th, October 9th (meetings to be held at 6 p.m. at HF).

Thank you to all for serving on the Commission.