

ST VERONICA – Stewardship Commission
MINUTES
December 13, 2018

Present: Chairperson Lynn Stuart, Marge Bengel, Father David Doseck, Ree Foltz, Dave Foltz, Sarah Lanham, Kathy Pharo, Dawn Duffy, and Interested Possible New Members

Welcome of Interested Members:

- We had the chance for snacks and introductions from current members and all those attending the meeting with an interest in possibly joining the Stewardship Commission.
- It was explained that a prayerful decision from these possible members be made sometime before the Chili-Cook-Off on January 19. At that event, all new members of Stewardship Commission will be introduced.

Gospel Reading: Ree read and discussion followed.

Minutes for November 8, 2018 Meeting: Time for review afforded, 1st Motion (Lynn), 2nd Motion (Kathy) to approve the minutes.

Article on Stewardship: What is a Stewardship Parish?

- The Commission discussed the various ways that St. Veronica Parish welcomes and engages people into the Christian life here at the parish.
- There was also discussion on how greater connection, more welcome, and more communication of opportunities available to parishioners should be improved.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

- Dawn Duffy was present to discuss her role in welcoming new parishioners.
- The Commission discussed the good use of a handwritten letter of welcome and the hospitable work of Dawn Duffy and Sarah Lanham.
- What was left to be determined is how to continue to connect with new parishioners after a few months have passed with little to no contact.
- Fr. David suggested to examine some ideas of hospitality from other sources or churches to see if any may work for the hospitality committee.
- Some examples to continue to examine would be: church tour, more times for Welcome Tour/Visit, how to engage and involve new members into the life of the parish already happening.

Holy Name Society: (Lynn reporting)

- Held the Christmas Party at El Coyote.
- The group is gearing up for the Fish Fry events during Lent at St. Veronica Church.
- The group also has donated a considerable amount to a new LED sign for St. Veronica.

Seniors – (Marge reporting)

- The Seniors held a Christmas luncheon for members with a 2\$ donation to be given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The 3rd Grade students led the Seniors in Christmas carols.
- The Senior group will contribute a significant amount toward a new LED sign for St. Veronica.
- Fr. David Doseck suggested to the Senior group to consider how to get more information out about their events via the bulletin and/or informing parish staff for social media update.

Old Business:

Donut Social Update:

- It has been communicated that 8th Graders in preparation and formation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are called upon to have a servant's heart in all things.
- So, any 8th Grade student can help the certain commissions placed in charge of each month's donut social event.
- Each 8th Grade individual must be accompanied by an adult chaperone in order to help at the event.

Stewardship Welcome Center / Kiosk:

- Much discussion and deliberation was had on the practical issues of having a welcome center in the gathering space.
- We also discussed the concept of "welcome" at a parish and expressed what it means for parish life.
- Fr. David Doseck will be more active in understanding Fr. Del Staiger's vision and work with him on purchasing the furniture needed to best make it happen.
- Ree Foltz had prepared a preliminary draft of a brochure.
- Marge Bengel compiled a list of ministries/organizations from the directory and coupled them with a single sentence to describe them easily to any person in Church. It will be edited, only as needed, and used as a resource in the welcome center.
- Fr. David Doseck, Lynn Stuart, and Ree Foltz will meet at another time and finalize the brochure for approval at the next meeting in January.
- It was also suggested that any member, or interested member, would attempt to examine the welcome centers at other area churches and bring pictures to next meeting or email Lynn Stuart or Fr. David Doseck with images of welcome area ideas.
- Fr. David Doseck expressed the deadline for project completion to be a week before Holy Week in 2019.

New Business:

Chili Cook-Off:

- Event is held on January 19, 2019.
- Lynn Stuart is helping lead and organize the planning of the event and spoke of organizing the setup, judging, activity during event, raffle, and clean-up with the help of the Stewardship Commission members and Outreach Commission.

- The money raised from the event will be donated to Outreach for their mobile food pantry held at St. Veronica during the summer months. More details and follow-up will be provided at our next meeting in January.

Next Meeting: Thursday - January 3, 2019

Meeting Adjourned & Closing Prayer: 8:30PM