

**St. Mary's Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Parish Hall**  
**August 17, 2009**  
**5:15-6:15 PM**

Members Present: Steve Givens, Rick Silva, John Prohaska, James Hutto, Charles Whatley, Mary Davis, Alice Hagler, Fr. Jerry  
Members Absent: Tommy Rose, Kim Welsh

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The 2009-10 renewal materials were handed out for review. It was agreed that the materials look great. Further comments or edits were to be submitted via e-mail after everyone had a chance to thoroughly review. It was noted that the small print on the commitment card was very light and hard to read. Steve will find out if this is the final size, and if an actual sample from the printer could be made for review.

The lay witness talks were discussed. It was agreed that only 1 lay witness talk would be necessary. Fr. Jerry suggested that the focus be on Catholic education and the struggles it is facing nationwide. Several names were discussed for speakers and Fr. Jerry will consider from those and any others to be submitted from the commission. Lay witness talks are scheduled for the weekend of Oct 3/4.

Ideas for preparing the parish for the renewal campaign were discussed. Suggestions include placing an announcement in the bulletin a week or two in advance of the renewal weekend and sending an e-mail announcement to parish families. This will provide some time for parishioners to think and pray about the renewal in advance of the introduction by Fr. Jerry on Sep 26/27.

Plans for the leadership gathering are forming. The gathering will be held on Thursday, Nov 5 in the Parish Hall. It was agreed that the hall was a more appropriate size and setting for the gathering. The SC will have an active role in calling leaders who have not RSVP'd for the gathering and assist in other ways as needed. Presenters for the gathering were discussed. In past years Fr. Jerry, a CSC representative, and a Stewardship Commission representative have presented. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Rick volunteered to be the formation coordinator for the commission. He will select and schedule materials for the commission to study and discuss at the beginning of each meeting. This will provide an opportunity for continuing formation of commission members. Fr. Jerry recommended materials from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Rick will e-mail the commission with the info for each of the future meetings.

Oktoberfest / Stewardship appreciation dinner will not be held this year due to the financial requirements. There will be a dinner in November for the parish. It was agreed that most parishioners would not mind the dinner being cancelled. Other ideas for a show of appreciation will be considered.

Alice volunteered to keep the meeting minutes in the future.

Next meeting is 9/21/09 at 5:15 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting was closed with prayer.