

Minutes from the Stewardship Commission Meeting
September 21, 2009

Committee members present: James Hutto, Kim Welch, Alice Hagler, Steve Givens, Mary Davis, Father Jerry

Steve opened with a prayer.

Renewal Packets are ready to mail.

Father told us that a visiting priest is speaking this weekend 9/26-9/27 for missions. This weekend also marks the kickoff of stewardship renewal.

Next weekend: Oct 3-4- Lay Witness Talks

Father Jerry indicated that the Varicellis would be out of town. Talked about other possibilities of Lay Witness Speakers:
Caroline and Ray Brady, Mike and Pia Hagler, Mike and Rebecca Grady
Mike and Pia Hagler agreed to do it.

October 10-11 Commitment Weekend

We need to have someone at every mass to hand out/make sure cards are in the pews. Last year, we handed them out—but we don't think we need to do that- just have them at the end of the pews and on the tables with the bulletins. Need someone at each mass to make sure they are on the pews. Mary will make sure that Jimmy and Anthony could do this for each mass.

We will need to call the ministry leaders that do not RSVP to make sure they come to the November 3rd Leadership Gathering at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. At that meeting, we will be introduced.

We will have to do follow-ups with the ministry leaders.

The ministry leaders will get the commitment lists.

Expecting 100 people at the gathering- anyone who runs a ministry.

We will send an invitation to the ministry leaders 3 weeks before the Nov 3rd Gathering.

We talked about maybe a letter from Father Jerry to those people in the parish who haven't turned in commitment cards (maybe in late November)

Steve showed us a sticker he designed to give to people who turn in commitment cards- to put on their cars—kind of like the island stickers— with initials TYL- (Meaning thank you Lord).

The committee liked the idea of the sticker- talked about green and white – the church colors. These would be sent out in the thank-you letter from Fr. Jerry to those returning commitment cards.

Previous year renewal statistics were reviewed. There is a flat trend of return rate of commitments. Commission will formulate ideas on how to increase the rate. A goal of 5% increase was set as a target.

Next meeting is 10/19.