

Church of the Good Shepherd

Stewardship Ministry Council Meeting

November 17, 2008

(Condensed Minutes)

Present: Judy Marticello, Terry Domagola, Paul Domagola, Barb Tanski, Ron Jodoin, Nancy DeRycke, Jeff Magee, Catherine Frangenburg, Maureen Shannon, Brian Gladstone

Finance Discussion:

We must do something immediately to stop the drain. Actions must be able to be implemented by 1/1/2009. Our CMA is approx 52% of parish goal. In addition to the CMA, we have received Deficit Reduction envelopes from 57 parishioners totaling approx \$4000. The weekly plate collection has increased; however; just 2 weeks so far have been at or over the necessary \$12,000.

Deficit Reduction Ideas Discussed

1. Staff reductions are an option. Compared to other parishes, our staffing is higher. We have reduced staff (2 cuts in the past 2 years). We have reduce staff ny 1 maintenance person and we currently have a secretary on disability. We also discussed staffing for Guardian Angels and St Joe's.
2. Bingo has been discussed as a source of income. Many parishioners strongly object to bingo as a source of income as they consider it a form of gambling.
3. Barb Tanski discussed a fund raiser run by Mother of Sorrows. They raffle a car selling approx 3,000 tickets at \$35 each. Tickets are not sold by the parishioners; they are advertised in newspapers and also sold online.
4. We also discussed a 40 Week dinner club, something similar to one the parish used to run. Participants pay \$2 each week and then have a dinner with prizes.
5. We also suggested running a garage sale where we rent space for sellers. The parish could have our own booth with items donated from parishioners.
6. We could break the deficit down into amount per person or household.
7. We could review CMA census numbers and hopefully reduce assessment.
8. We can accelerate the tri-parish consolidation currently scheduled for 2010.
9. We can sell the parish buildings. (e.g. rental property, parish office, church).
10. We could move all masses to one parish while another parish is reconfigured to handle both parishes. Then we can sell the remaining parcels.
11. We can look at the Partners in Faith program and solicit parishioners as their existing PIF commitments expire.
12. We can identify a benefactor willing to make a donation to the parish.
13. We can establish an active planned giving program.

Misc

SMC will have a campaign in spring 2009. Next SMC meeting is Monday 12/15/2008.

Room tbd. Joint meeting of PPC, SMC and Finance is Monday 12/2/2008

3 parish PPC meeting (Guardian Angels, St. Joes, Good Shepherd) is Tuesday 12/2/2008