

Saint Cecilia Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes - FINAL

Monday, January 8, 2018

St. Louis Room 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Staniger (Chairperson), Bill Haas, Jim Stuart, Emil Polashek, Francine White, Reno Berg, Jarret Wendt, Steve Joerger

Excused: Char VanKerckVoorde

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer Reflection/Discussion
Discussion of Chapters 37-42 “A Church on the Move”. Active recruitment and training of catechists is a good idea. Jarret mentioned that we have had some catechetical training in the past. Partial funding of participation in training programs is probably better than total funding.

For February meeting, Chapters 43-47 “A Church on the Move”
3. Minutes from November meeting were approved.
4. Old Business
 - a) **Called and Gifted** – Francine said the program is in a holding pattern
 - b) **Real Life Catholic Reboot 2018 outreach team update** – Program may be cancelled. St. Thomas is unwilling to participate, as they feel it does not coincide with the needs of their parish, the \$15,000 price is too high, and college students are not likely to attend.
 - c) **LPI assessment update** – We have received confirmation of the fee structure for the number of families in our parish. We will move forward with further discussion with LPI.
 - d) **Parish Council Share Initiative update**
With the departure of staff members Simone and Jacob, restructuring of staff duties has been disrupted. Mary Sue has taken on many communication duties. Bill suggested that we need to decide on two or three messages for the year for a parish focus.

5. Other Business and comments
Solar panels Reno reported that \$25,000 has tentatively been committed by Fr. Secora for the Ames solar panel electricity generation project. Pastoral council is suggesting that 37 people fund half the cost. Charitable giving may be less this year because of increase in standard deduction, reducing the appeal of itemizable charitable contributions.

Ministry Fair Rick Brimeyer talked with Mary Staniger about Parish Life committee support for and interest in a Ministry Fair.

Excellent follow up on a **Time and Talent** survey would be important.

Jarret called attention to the attitude that focus needs to be on growing persons’ relationship with God, not staffing our organizations.

6. **Annual Stewards Planning Session Continuation**
Francine led the committee through a review of our workshop on envisioning the stewardship committee values and mission in December. We made some revisions to a Values statement and Mission statement, which we will use going forward to help us focus our efforts as a committee and share our understanding of how we can contribute to the life of the parish.
7. Closing prayer.