

Finance Council and Stewardship Team Leaders

Agenda & Minutes for Joint Session 7-8 PM

Welcome and Opening Prayer by Father Jared

Brief Introductions (of Finance Council and Team Leaders)

Fr. Jared, Larry Schroeder, Cathy Lins, Teresa Hartmann, Joan Breunig, John Ramthun, John Brennan, Sarah Ramthun, Ralph Endres, Tim Schott, Lynn Schneeberger, Margaret Nelson

Finance Council - What Do They Do? (Brief report from member(s))

Take a close look at the budget, investments Church has, try to make sure we remain fiscally sound, monitor things that influence what we can and do and how it relates to the Diocese (appeals, assessments etc.), make judgments about priorities (can't accomplish *everything* we'd like to do, but decide what we can do), go over reports, give Margaret support for things, input from buildings and grounds, etc.

Stewardship Teams and How They Came to Be (Sarah R.)

What Do They Do? (Team Leaders will briefly describe what their team is responsible for)

Prayer & Worship – looks at involvement in prayer & worship (ushers, gift bearers, Adoration etc.) and make more readily available these opportunities

Hospitality & Social Life – get the parish together for different events:
Donut Sundays, Movie nights, Mardi Gras party etc.

Development & Fundraising – putting together a calendar for all fundraising efforts of the parish, events coming up are School Garage Sale, Parish Raffle, and Cow Chip Food Booth, and looking at the big picture for development

Adult Faith Formation offers opportunities for Adults to enter in and grow in their faith – ENDOW Women's group has been meeting, Great Adventure Bible Study had an 8 week session, starting a 'Coming Home' group for those who have left the Church and are interested in coming back, 'Theology on Tap' will be offered at Black Hawk Family Restaurant for those interested in specific topics, etc.

Youth Faith Formation – more of a coordination/visioning of efforts of School, Religious Ed and Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, and Homeschoolers – how can we collaborate and work together on things?

Service – Coordinate services offered in the Parish and community – clerical, food prep, Meals on Wheels, etc.

Buildings & Grounds – Workers are emailed when projects come up. Church cleaning just finished and are now working on outside work

How Can We Work Together?

Teams have been working on a “zero budget” up to this point – how can the teams and Finance work together?

Discussion: Bolded are decisions

- ◆ At Budget time – consider proposals from Teams for Finance Council
- ◆ Come up with a system for these proposals
- ◆ **Development & Fundraising Team should work with Finance Council**
- ◆ Finance council doesn't need to work on *every* detail
- ◆ At this point, is there a need for a line item?
- ◆ **Procedure for Teams to get funding:**
 - Bring a proposal to Fr. Jared
 - Fr. Jared will talk with Development & Fundraising and/or Finance Council to see what we can do if an event or program is approved
- ◆ It was brought up that a major part of our Parish Income comes from Sunday Collections...
 - Starts with commitment in Fall?
 - How can we make Sunday giving seem vital and necessary?
 - What are we doing that's competing with that?
 - Diocesan appeal will be in Fall
 - Other things going on at the same time
 - Every item takes away from the “big pot”
- ◆ Will we work on growth with individual fundraisers, increasing the sense of the need to give or both?
- ◆ Should Sunday collections be the main arm of the Development & Fundraising?
- ◆ School has eliminated small fundraisers because we keep going back to the same group.
- ◆ By increasing small fundraisers, are we increasing the overall giving of the Parish?
- ◆ If we can come up with fundraising that doesn't keep asking only St. Al's parishioners for money, we can be more effective.

How Do We Promote the Stewardship Process for Fall 2009?

What will it entail?

What is our desired timing?

It makes sense to separate the treasure from the Time & Talent!

Last year we saw a decrease in the number of people pledging as compared to previous years. Some people didn't look at back, maybe too much information, etc.

When do we do each?

Feast of St. Aloysius: do something around this? June 21

Decision:

Sept 12/13 – Time, Talent, & Prayer mailing in lobby for pick-up

Team Coordinators will work together to put this mailing together.

October 2/3 – Treasure mailing in lobby for people to pick-up

Development & Fundraising Team will work with Margaret to make this form.

Future Meetings? Communications?

Only necessary for Development & Fundraising

Agenda for Stewardship Team Leaders Meeting 8-9 PM

Check In - What's New Since We Saw You Last

Updates given at joint mtg. w/ Finance Council

Catch Up/Clarifications on Team Reports

None needed – see minutes from Team Meetings

Noted Challenges That Need to Be Addressed

Google-Group has been a challenge. **We will go to a group email system.**

Cash flow issues in winter.

UW Concessions are a good option

June dates coming up – June 20th – we make \$ for every person that's there.

Put names & numbers of those who have gone in bulletin as a reference.

If asking for \$ or products or services from parishioners or businesses, the F&D team needs to know so we're not hitting people up so often

This way its a coordinated effort in appearance (what local businesses see and experience) and practice (what we do on a daily basis among ourselves).

Noted Opportunities That Need Our Attention

We need to work towards the Time & Talent mailing

Each team will look at their page and get updates to Cathy by June 15th.

Include in the page a planning involvement, and participation involvement, and “workers”

Have booths up in side lobbies for 2 weeks? John/Sarah will talk with staff

Youth Faith Formation Team is the biggest, most going on, most involved, most paid staff, but also don't know exactly how to make the team work.

Team will meet 3 times a year

Annual recognition of those involved?

E-news of updates? (Bi-monthly)

Will bring these suggestions to next team mtg. in June

Future Meetings? Communications?

July 13 – 7:00pm – Team Coordinator's Mtg.

Agenda:

Look over proposed booklet and make any changes

Decide on format for commitment form

Look at ways to improve participation and awareness in Church community