

Subject: Our Lady of the Lakes stewardship committee meetin

Our Lady of the Lakes stewardship committee meeting minutes for August 12, 2017

Meeting opened at 8:30 with a prayer led by Fr. Leo.

Those present included: Fr. Leo, Lou Tyrrell, Anne Paige, Rosemary Luzem, Toni & Ray Woerner, Bob Creary, & Cathy Matulewicz.

Rosemary Luzem made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Anne Paige seconded the motion.

Old Business:

It was pointed out that if you would like to see any of the Ministry Fair spread sheets in a different format, please contact Deb.

Ann has talked to Gary and will be meeting with him this week to go over the gaps we still have in committees under the Finance Council such as Building and grounds & Cemetery. Parish Council still has 2 positions to fill after the Ministry Fair. One At Large position and one representative from St. Theresa's.

New Business:

Tithing: focus needs to be on educating people about tithing. Giving back a percentage in gratefulness for what God has given to you. Should be separate from the finance committees report so as to not tie the two together. We should want to give versus the idea of giving because of a need. If people truly tithed, the second collection could probably be done away with. The Electronic banking would go along way with helping. We should have people giving testimony on how they tithe and how much they are blessed. Fr. Leo will do a prelude to this and then we will have speakers get up during Homily and talk. Ann will write up a basic outline for this and the speakers can "fill in the blanks" with their own experience. Ann will work on this to have ready by August 31. Toni will put the budget sheet example in the bulletin to get people thinking. Toni will re-work it a little and send out to everyone first. We can also have budget sheets available to fill out at church before people leave to help them make a personal commitment, and also have the electronic banking information on it. Testimony will take place the weekend of September 9 & 10. Fr. Leo will get someone for St. Mikes -- perhaps Anne Meyer Wilbur or Dick Osgood. Toni & Rosemary will ask for St. Jan's, Ann will check for St. Pats and we'll ask Fred Bonhag at Parish Council meeting on Monday the 21st.

Could we possibly have a treasure commitment by the end of November? Lou will contact Deb about putting in the bulletin something relevant to tithing.

We are entering the 2nd cycle of our stewardship program---Think about whether you would like to see a new stewardship prayer or keep what we have. Also it's time to start contacting thru mail, people who don't attend.

Meeting ended at 9:40 am with a prayer led by Fr. Leo  
Next meeting September 9th

Cathy Matulewicz for Deb Smith