Minutes of Stewardship Committee meeting for February 8, 2020

Meeting started at 8:30 with a prayer lead by Fr. Leo.

In attendance: Fr. Leo, Fr. Jorge, Lou Tyrrell, Bob Creary, Ann Paige, Cathy Matulewicz

Old Business: there are a lot more Tithe of Time forms handed in this time. Collecting them the same day as they are handed out seems to work better. We will keep this option open for the future. We do need to collect them from St. Patrick and St. Januarius. Bob is taking them and will do a spreadsheet on what people are focused on and how many were returned. We can then use that information to guide our future endeavors in time, and maybe other areas.
Letters went out to Eucharistic Ministers about signing up before the Mass (can be in advance as much as you would like) to make sure there is someone for hosts and cups. This is to avoid not having enough people and people coming up at the last minute without their cross. Fr. Leo and Fr. Jorge will look at the sign-up sheets and announce from the back of church before Mass starts if they need more people and how many. This seems to be a problem only at St. Michael.

New Business: it was touched upon that not a lot of children go down to Children’s
Liturgy of the Word. It was suggested that if parents were told they could go too, maybe more children would go.
Our next focus will be Tithe of Talent. The appreciation and thank you party will be April 23rd. and Pentecost is May 31st. We should be focusing on talent starting after the 23 and ending on Pentecost. Fr. Leo and Fr. Jorge were asked to think about where they need the most help. It was also suggested that we need to refresh this or give it a new twist so people don’t lose interest. Ann said that we need to reach out to those who may just want to help out here or there but not necessarily be on a committee. As an example —things as ordinary as setting up and taking down chairs for events. It was pointed out how important networking with people is. Something to think about is a “one & done” group. Perhaps instead of having an actual sign up, a new approach would be talking about what talent is and how it’s a gift given by God that needs to be shared. There is something on the computer I did about discerning your talents (I will try to find it) and Fr. Leo has a guide in a book that we may be able to use as a jumping off point in developing this idea. Either the book ‘Renovation’ or ‘Intentional Disciples’ references talents also. People need to realize that there is more to talent then being a lector, Eucharistic Minister, etc.. Time to help set chairs, etc. can also be a talent. Be thinking of what we can do with this for the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:55 am with a prayer lead by Fr. Jorge.

Next meeting is March 14th at 8:30 in the parish center.

Cathy Matulewicz—- secretary