

Stewardship meeting September 23, 2020

Attended by Fr. Carl, Jenny Jahnke, Marcia Trentlage, Deb Siebers, Sara Van Heuklon, Patty Vande Voort, and Kathy Hurst

Fr. Carl opened the meeting with prayer followed by his thoughts on the state of the parish. He has been impressed with the way things are going through this pandemic and of all the good decisions that had to be made at this time, such as streaming the Mass, keeping everyone employed, finishing up the First Communions, presiding at funerals and weddings and setting good precedents.

The Christmas spiritual book this year will be Matthew Kelly's "I Heard God Laugh". We ordered 1800 books at \$1 a book to be distributed to all parishioners. 2 Donors helped defray the cost. We discussed ways the books should be distributed this time. The best idea would be to mail them to assure everyone gets a copy and include a nice message to add a personal touch. We would like to make it a "wow" package by adding decorations, maybe a Christmas card or bookmark with a message of hope and joy. We talked about doing a book study later and Kristy Kendall said the Welcome committee would like to help with that. We will bring more ideas to the October meeting.

Stewardship weekend is November 14-15 2020. We have to sell our committees or organizations so that people will want to join. Maybe a video showing what the different groups do – seeing them in action – will make people want to be a part of the organization. We could put the video on our website or Facebook page. Keegan may be willing to take videos. Marcia will help look into this.

The Advent food box and Christmas at the pond, which shows Holy Spirit as an active participant in the community, was tabled until the next meeting.

Connection article is due by October 10. Jenny suggested doing it on the power of prayer and the hope and joy it can give. She will help Patty with this.

There was no further business and the meeting closed with the Stewardship Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hurst