

Following are my notes from our Stewardship meeting last night – Nov 4, 2021:

- Answers to questions re the sale and rezoning of properties to establish an endowment.
 - The endowment allows us to secure the ministry at Sacred Heart for the long term.
 - Per Fr Marc and the AOD, proceeds from the sale belong exclusively to Sacred Heart.
 - Is there a tax liability? (KJ will send a note to the AOD Property czar asking if there was any potential tax liability if we rezone and are not successful in immediately selling the properties. I'll let you know the response.)
 - Some concern that the sale proceeds will not remain with SH, but be distributed to the FOP and/or the AOD.
 - Working with the AOD to secure demographics that support the current proposal from AOD..
- Issues with the proposed Stewardship structure meeting three times a year and incorporating Buildings & Grounds in Stewardship.
 - Meeting only three times a year provides no continuity
 - Does Fr Marc need to be at each meeting? The concern is that with his vastly broadened responsibilities he simply will not have enough time.
 - With Sue moving to the FOP position, who will the administrative staff liaison be?
 - Since B&G impact finance and three B&G members are on the finance commission, that team has been meeting after the finance meetings and incorporating the results into finance.
 - What will the fellowship team do with regards to the FOP and with SH. Does it make sense to continue the fellowship effort?
 - What will a future SH Stewardship commission actually do and accomplish.
- Fundraising
 - Re the raffle, Gary & Cathy L will soon pull together the tickets. (KJ sent Patti Miller a note and asked her if she could be involved with Gary, Cathy and Sue B to more broadly advertise the raffle ticket sale and subsequently “hype up” the winnings.)
 - Without staff and pastor involvement will we have additional fundraisers.
- Value of routinely meeting commissions and committees:
 - Provides leverage for the pastor
 - Provides feedback from the parish community.
 - Strengthens parishioner engagement

- Provides additional resources beyond he staff.
- Provides coordination with the staff
- Builds a sense of community.
- Strengthens a sense of “ownership” of the parish.
- FOP
 - Scuttle-butt circulating that the AOD FOP structure is illegal and has not received Rome’s authorization to implement an FOP approach. (A question for the FOP Finance committee meeting in December.)
 - Is the incorporation of parishes complete? Additional question of whether or not the incorporation papers list the Archdiocese as the final owner of all properties. (Gary L will research and respond.)
- Finance
 - Noted that SH expenses (ex capital) have been reduced by ~\$140k per year since 2015. Due to sharing resources (pastor and music minister) not replacing the youth minister, and staff work to cut expenses.
 - Income has recently been trending up modestly, to where income currently nearly matches the reduced operating expenses, but still need the endowment to help with our gradually shrinking population and capital expenses.
 - Mass attendance is also ramping up from the pandemic falloff coupled with the reduced Mass schedule, but still remains approx. 70% of our 2015-2019 attendance.
- Alpha
 - Up in the air as the FOP resolves how it will operate and coordinate.
- Small Groups
 - Jeff brought up the fact that a lot of small groups operate at SH and wondered if we should more actively to promote them. (KJ will send out a 2019 summary of things that happen at SH.)

Note to Jeff – I forgot, actually did watch the first two Chosen episodes than lost access. We now have it back and will continue. Thanks for the impetus to do so.

Even though this was not a typical Stewardship meeting I thought the discussion and candor was very valuable. FOP has upset a lot of things, but I trust that it will iron itself out over the next year and answer a lot of the open questions above.

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