

**Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church**  
**Stewardship**  
**April 14, 2008**  
**\*\*\* Meet in Library\*\*\***

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**I. Prayer**

**Kathy read Gospel with ensuing discussion.**

**II. Role Call**

**In attendance: John Burgfechtel, Ken Pratt, Dorothy Guzek, Kathy Davis, Dale Youngpeter, Fr. Joe, Pam Hill. Absent: Mary Smith, John Schmidt**

**III. Minutes Review/Approval from last meeting**

**March minutes have not been posted or distributed, and were not available for review.**

**IV. Financial Review**

**Kathy presented the preliminary 2008/09 budget. All agreed that the budget for debt reduction next year was reasonable.**

**Feedback from those involved in the budget setting process was that budget items could be confusing to new members of the Commission. Pam suggested that a pre-meeting be conducted with the Parish Accountant next year to familiarize those involve in budgeting with the budget line items, and accounting procedures. It was also emphasized that it is important for all commissions to stick to the goal setting and communication timelines in order for the budget setting process to be most effective.**

**The Commission wanted to recognize the dedication and effort put forth by Christi in determining the 2008/09 budget.**

**Jim agreed to update the weekly collection chart and forward to Pam in order to better estimate collection receipts for the remainder of the year.**

## V. Old Business

**Electronic Recycling project**- was conducted on March 9<sup>th</sup>, with another good turnout. Many parishioners expressed appreciation for this opportunity. The Parish assumed \$219.07 of the cost due to underestimating the total weight of recyclables returned. It is recommended that a scale to accommodate at least 100 pounds be used next year. It was also recommended that we consider reaching out to St. Joseph to open this effort to their parish in 2009.

**Stewardship – 2008/2009 Objectives**- have not been completed due to the absence of published minutes from the March meeting. Upon receipt John B. will schedule a short conference call to complete.

**Online ACH Account Transfer Status (direct deposit donations)**- Christi is moving ahead and will send out a communication to the parish this month to begin enrollment. She suggests setting up a monthly schedule with two alternative dates. Fr. Joe suggests an online payment option for summer education programs to encourage enrollment.

**Safety Plan**- The Parish Safety Plan still requires approval of Parish Council. Ken and Pam will coordinate the presentation at next week's meeting.

**Recycle Bin** – Discussion tabled, as Jon Schmidt was not in attendance.

## VI. New Business

**2008/2009 Budget Status**- see above

**Summer Meeting Schedule**- it was agreed that there would be no July 2008 Stewardship Commission meeting.

**Representative to work with Christi as “voice”** - John B suggested that we appoint someone from the Commission to act as a liaison with Christi to touch base prior to each Commission meeting, as Christi is not a regular attendee. No action was taken on this suggestion.

**CSA Table Responsibility May 4, 11 & 18<sup>th</sup> - Commission volunteers signed up to work the tables after Masses to hand out pledge cards and answer questions about CSA and parish debt reduction. We still need additional volunteers, and Dale will coordinate scheduling and recruitment.**

**VII. Counting Schedule**

**Check Website for updated counting schedule.**

**VIII. Adjourn.**

**IX. ADDENDUM (4/17/08)**

**2008 CSA Target- The 2008 CSA target for Christ the Redeemer is \$124,884 (an increase of 6.2% over 2007. Donations to CSA in excess of this amount are returned to the parish untaxed, and directed toward debt reduction.**