

Stewardship Committee Meeting

May 11 11:45 am – Parish Office Conference Room

Present: Ron Boyden, Tammy Huss, Dan Kirscht, Aaron Korynta, Jerry Kostreba, Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Jake Mach (Pastoral Council liaison), Randy Meyer, & Todd Wentworth

Absent: Ron Boyden

Opening Prayer

To-Do List (30-day action items. Review as 'done' or 'not done'.)

1. TW & KB to review Formstack for the spiritual gifts survey, a long-term plan, will also consider St. Thomas Spiritual gifts survey (*may consider Called and Gifted spiritual gifts survey* per TH)
2. RM to discuss with Diocesan Stewardship Council opportunities to communicate car pooling to future McGread Conferences in Wichita. No commitments yet, Fr. Greg Paffel is speaking at the event, sensing fair interest. Bev Paul working on Osakis, Sauk Centre and Fergus are expected to send some

Old / New Business

- Roles need to fill
 - Need to identify vice-chair who will succeed Todd in becoming chair January 1st
- Diocesan Stewardship Council – **Randy** – next meeting will be in June
- Ministry Moments – **Ron**
 - April 29/30 – Randy did a nice job sharing about Habitat for Humanity
 - May 13/14 – Cemetery
- Tree Seedlings Recap – parishioners seemed to enjoy it, one family can now replace over a dozen trees they lost in last year's storms.
- Annual Renewal
 - After reviewing scripture passages and other already scheduled Parish / Diocesan events, the Committee agreed to the following schedule:
 - Sept 16th/ 17th – Witness Talk
 - Sept 23th/ 24th – Ministry Fair
 - Sept 30th / Oct 1st – Discernment
 - Conversation then shifted how we can encourage parishioners to start reflecting on Stewardship long before the Annual Renewal and continue doing so afterwards. Ideas / Concepts discussed:
 - Focus on Eucharist (40 Hour Devotion coming up, Eucharistic Revival will be on-going)
 - Stewardship is a journey, starting small and building upon

- Focus not only on the “what” a Christian Steward does but “why” and the personal benefits experienced as a result
- SMS has a Service Month in October – perfect timing to tie-in with stewardship.
- Testimonials can be powerful, sharing those Holy Moments.
- Encourage various ministries to be more intentional taking pictures of their ministries in action and send to Kathy B.
- This summer, building a display of Service & Stewardship that can be updated during the year:
 - Rotate highlighting ministries to build familiarity
 - Laurie Bienias would be an excellent resource
 - Keep it organic and see where it goes – goal is to have visual reminders of stewardship to build and then maintain momentum outside of Annual Renewal – the Holy Spirit can move people at different times
 - There was a lot of excitement at this idea
- Coffee and Rolls – always an opportunity to share for the ministries providing - Slideshow, handouts, etc.
- “Come and See” idea – discussed in April’s Meeting
- Focus on bridging the School / Parish gap
- Focus on what can families do? Kids Tithing, Family Adoration, build shrines in their homes – a dedicated prayer space, set aside. Theme of Acts of Service are requirements for families.
- Other logistics of Annual Renewal to be determined w/ emphasis on:
 - Get youth attendance up (special fair for FF / SMS families?)
 - Ministry Fair Bingo – collect stickers for visiting a table
 - Wall Partition to advertise specific ministries and rotate
 - Emphasis on Stewardship and role of Eucharist
 - Maybe focus on a “commitment” to a ministry (e.g. 1 year)
- Discussed potential list of Witness Talk Couple or Individuals
- Dan agreed to review the commitment card for potential changes.
- Stewardship Formation
 - Stewardship Conference – Wichita, KS
 - August 30-31, 2023 – Luke V, Randy M are interested, Dan K. may go, Fr. Rick possibly, looking for a few Pastoral Council & Finance Council members
 - Have budgeted for 6 people for conference, lodging & travel
- St. Thomas Spiritual Gifts survey/Called and Gifted
- Pastoral Council – **Jake** – many parish-wide events coming up this summer and fall, Eucharistic Revival – we’re starting earlier, Rural Life Day in August, Diocesan Conference on September 9th

Close (Recap to-do list, discuss any communication plan necessary to others, closing prayer)

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2nd Thursday of every month – 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
- Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 **(2024)** Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11