



The Church of St. Mary

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Stewardship Committee Meeting July 13 11:45 am – Parish Office Conference Room

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

Absent: Fr. Matthew Kuhn

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 (*or Called and Gifted spiritual gifts survey* per TH)
- 2) ~~TW to send Dan information on commitment cards so he can review the commitment card for potential changes~~

Old / New Business

- 1) Roles need to fill
 - a) Need to identify vice-chair who will succeed Todd in becoming chair January 1st
- 2) Welcomed Mary Gorghuber who is succeeding Jake as Pastoral Council Liaison, Jake agreed to stay on as a Stewardship Committee member.
- 3) Diocesan Stewardship Council – **Randy**
 - a) Stewardship Day presentation (web access) for Wed. Aug. 23rd. Current plan is to run it from 6-8 pm. Anna Kampa will be creating and publishing the event ad. Do we have an interest to host in the Great Hall for ACC? The plan is for Fr. Greg to present 2 parts with a short breakout session after each. Along with Q&A. Theme/title is Eucharist is Stewardship or something similar.
 - i) We agreed to host the ACC event in Great Hall – *TW will put on Master Calendar*
 - ii) Randy noted there are a few openings on the DSC – *is anyone interested?*
Commitment would be to meet every other month, usually Zoom session, two in-person sessions per year, usually from 3:00 – 5:00 or 4:00 – 6:00
- 4) Ministry Moments – **Ron**
 - a) Jul 8/9 – Adoration
 - b) Sep 9/10 – KCs
 - c) Other potentials – Lucas Niblett – Altar Serving, Mason Gorghuber – Christmas Cookies. Bill Verschaetse also expressed interest.
- 5) Annual Renewal
 - a) See separate renewal schedule & comments from May Agenda Minutes
 - b) Discussion centered around:
 - i) Faith Formation Ministry Fair on Sept 27th – consider pizza / ice cream for families.
 - ii) Reviewed, made minor edits, and approved draft letter to be sent to all ministries
 - iii) Will try to have a Stewardship Booth this year for all three masses – who can help?

- iv) Communal prayers at Mass leading up to commitment – we’d like to incorporate this year.
- v) Msgr McGread Video – TW worked with Shari Navarre but were unable to find a good fit video. TW and DK will look at Revive Ministries for possibilities.
- vi) Commitment Card
 - (1) Reviewed some of the more elaborate, comprehensive examples, group decided for this year we will focus on a smaller commitment card.
 - (a) We are considering a larger spread to be sent out in advance for parishioners to use in their discernment
 - (i) This might either be in the bulletin or possibly the quarterly newsletter
 - (ii) General discussion - in the past we have tended to de-emphasize the treasure aspect of stewardship, may need to change approach this year.
 - (b) Dan will review and share suggestions based on this feedback.
- 6) Stewardship Formation
 - a) Stewardship Conference – Wichita, KS – August 30-31, 2023
 - i) Luke V, Randy M, Dan K., Bev Paul, Marianne Shrode
- 7) Pastoral Council – **Jake**
 - a) Welcomed new members on the Pastoral Council
 - b) 40 Hour Devotion and Rural Life Celebration big events in August
 - c) Eucharistic Revival – St. Cloud’s Eucharistic Congress will be Sept 7 – 9th, the National Congress will be in July 2024

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
- Aug 10, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 (**2024**) Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 14, Apr 11