

Stewardship Committee Meeting Notes – May 9, 2024

Present: Ron Boyden, Todd Wentworth, Dan Kirscht, Jerry Kostreba, Bev Paul, Josh Waltzing (Pastoral Council Liaison),

Absent: Fr. Matthew, Aaron Korynta, Jake Mach, Marianne Shrode, Randy Meyer

Opening Prayer was led by Jerry.

There was no Diocesan Stewardship Council update for the month.

As Bev is new to the committee, there was a general discussion was held surrounding the idea of Ministry Moments (MM) at St. Mary's - what they are and are not intended to be – and the current review process designed to keep the speech within time and content parameters. There are times of the year St. Mary's will not schedule MMs (e.g., Advent, Lent). Discussed some of MMs on the schedule – May 18/19 - Habitat for Humanity (Randy Meyer), May 25 (5pm only) St. Mary's Music Ministry (Susan Markstrom), Sept 7/8 Eucharistic Adoration (Sue McCullough). We removed Life Connections from the tentative schedule as Ron hasn't had been able to get a response back from the parishioner originally interested.

Josh provided the Pastoral Council Update, in addition to the recent offer accepted on the new Rectory, much energy the last few months has been placed on idea of "Radical Hospitality". There has been a sub-committee generating ideas and Father Matthew has asked the sub-committee to categorize the ideas and pick one to focus on. New Pastoral Council Elections are complete – Leon Breun (SM), John Loomis (SM), and Evan Koering (SN) were elected. Mary Gorghuber (SM), Randy Kinney (SM), and Margaret Zidon (SN) have completed their terms.

Arbor Day Tree Distribution was a huge success – distributed all 75 trees. Much better than last year and helped having an official announcement at the end of Mass. Thank you to everyone who helped to distribute.

Regarding the broader ACC Stewardship Formation – Dan agreed to speak with Veronica Haavig about interest from St. Nicholas in having some liaisons.

The Legacy Dinner was discussed. It has been budgeted for, if it is to happen, a sub-committee to form. Dan and Ron reiterated interest, Jake had as well in the last meeting. It was agreed they would connect offline to try and find a common meeting time. It will take some time to plan.

There will be no Fr. McGread Stewardship Conference in August this year. Instead, it will begin March 19 & 20, 2025. Please consider attending and we will discuss formal attendance in a future meeting.

Remaining time was spent discussing the Annual Renewal. General consensus was we would likely to a roll call of ministries this year as we have done the Ministry Fair 3 years in a row. Roll call is relatively easy to plan with a big benefit of everyone at Mass seeing just how many people in the parish they know are involved, as well as hearing all the various ministries. They might see someone they know and be motivated to join, or ask questions about their involvement, or learn of a ministry they were unfamiliar with. Not everyone attends the ministry fair so this will be a good change of pace.

Closing Prayer was led by Jerry.