

## **Stewardship Committee Meeting**

### **November 14, 2024 12:00 pm – Parish Office Conference Room**

**Stewardship Committee Purpose:** *“To help foster and develop in our parishioners a sense of belonging, commitment, and involvement in our Christian community resulting in stewardship as a way of life”*

**Members:** Ron Boyden, Dan Kirscht, Aaron Korynta, Jerry Kostreba, Jake Mach, Randy Meyer, Josh Waltzing (Pastoral Council liaison), Tammy Huss, Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Todd Wentworth; Bev Paul, Marianne Shrode

**Present:** Tami Huss, Ron Boyden, Aaron Korynta, Jerry Kostreba, Josh Waltzing

**Opening Prayer** – Jerry Kostreba

#### **Regular Updates:**

1) Diocesan Stewardship Council – Randy –

- **Stewardship Day was postponed due to illness.**
- a) Diocesan Stewardship Day – re-schedule date? **The committee will meet to discuss the possibility of rescheduling.**

2) Ministry Moments – Ron

a) Ron and Todd to update guidelines

**December 14 & 15 The Renew Youth Leadership group wants to do a Ministry Moment – and Tami will coordinate. Ron will check with Fr. Matthew to see if this will work during** **Cassie Advent.**

3) Pastoral Council – Josh

- **Evangelization sub-committee – work on strategic objectives:**
  - **Ongoing evangelization with current members**
  - **Ongoing evangelization with new members**
  - **How are we doing with engagement?**
- **Currently there are many opportunities that are meeting the strategic objectives for evangelization including Chris Stefanick’s Reboot message, Wyldlife, Young Life & Faith Formation groups.**
- **Concerns going forward:**
- **With a lot of evangelization momentum moving in the right direction, how do we monitor progress and continue to pull the momentum forward? What is the balance between letting it happen organically and coordinating these efforts?**

#### **Old Business:**

1) Annual Stewardship Renewal recap

a) see attachment with results – **Numbers from 2023 to 2024 were reviewed. Todd’s e-mail with feedback was shared by Ron.**

- **2024 numbers were lower than 2023. No Ministry Fair may have been a factor.**

- Josh noted consistent information on music ministry from Luke throughout the year may have helped their numbers increase. Other ministries may need more of a presence throughout the year.
- Consistently inviting people to get involved – personal invitations is always a good strategy.
- We may need to better track our efforts to get people involved. How many attend the ministry fair?
- We need to see or hear messages 7 to 12 times to act. - we may need to create more touches (consistently) to get the stewardship message/invitation to stick.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### 1) Legacy Dinner

a) nominate a chairperson to begin planning for 2025 – Todd agreed to chair the Legacy Dinner in 2025 and would like a co-chair. It was discussed whether it should be someone from the Finance council to help from that aspect. Members are asked to consider being a co-chair or committee member and to contact Todd if interested.

##### 2) Fr. McGread Stewardship conference – March 19-20, 2025

a) anyone interested in attending? **Contact Todd if interested in going.**

##### 3) Elect secretary position (3-year commitment: secretary [2025], asst. chair [2026], chair [2027])

**2025 Stewardship positions:**  
**Chair – Jerry Kostreba**  
**Assist. Chair – Aaron Korynta**  
**Secretary – Dan Kirscht**

#### **New Business:**

1) Dave Ramsey update – **January 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 is the start date for Financial Peace University. Dan and Aaron will lead the class. Aaron will get information to Kathy Ballou to start promoting the class to the ACC. Location TBD.**

2) Celebrate the successes and move forward - **37 new people are getting involved in St. Mary's Ministries!**

3) Welcome Jerry as Stewardship Chair for 2025

**Dan will organize a casual dinner in December for our group, including spouse or plus one.**

**Closing Prayer – Jerry Kostreba**

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- 2nd Thursday of the month, 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
- Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10