

St. Mary-Holy Cross

Stewardship Meeting 07/11

July 11, 2017 / 6:00 PM

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You came to tell us that the meaning of life consists in giving. You told us that those who cling too tightly to what they have - without thought for You or others - end up losing everything. You gave us new values by which to measure the worth of a person's life. Help us to realize it is not temporal success or riches or fame that gives life meaning. Rather it is the service rendered to You and to others that brings fulfillment and makes our lives worthwhile. May all our activity help build God's kingdom: our obedience bring true freedom, our generosity increase love, our sacrifice bear generous fruit, our death lead to eternal life. Amen

AGENDA

2017/2018 Stewardship Focus

While we will continue our efforts of offering a welcoming environment efforts and encouraging parishioners to engage and drive efforts, our 'new' focus areas for Stewardship in 2017/2018 are:

1. Increase Steward Group membership to 10.
2. Targeted outreach to aging and disabled with initial focus on parishioners. Outreach will include in-home or nursing home visits as well as maintenance/task help and invitation & transport to senior citizen breakfast.

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. **Action item/follow up**
 - Invite new Stewardship members resulted in 2 new meeting attendees. YEAH! Welcome to Paula and Tammi! Nicole Cory also expressed possible interest but couldn't make it this month.
 - Finalize Time and Talent is not yet finished. Arlene will commit to getting this done prior to the next meeting.
 - Bring names of individuals for possible outreach. See agenda item below.

This Month's Agenda & Notes

1. August Newsletter

- Reviewed newsletter assignments and discussed future article options including: Scott Truczinski, Braden Hines, Kristi Meyer's son Bridger's operation, Jen Waters, Blessing Box, it's hours, volunteer needs and the fact that homemade food can be donated.
- Newsletter entries are due July 24th

2. **Book: Everyday Stewardship by Tracy Earl Welliver and related author blog, [The Main Thing](#).** Tammi had suggested the book. The author presented at a recent seminar and had interesting perspectives such as focusing efforts on those that are involved in the church. He also has a weekly blog. The book is a quick read that covers a topic per chapter followed by reflections. It's a quick read and gives some interesting ideas and motivation around stewardship. We decided we're going to read a chapter at a time.

3. Remaining Time and Talent Follow up and ongoing utilization. Some follow up has been completed but there are still a few more contacts to be made. Arlene to commit to getting the follow up done prior to next meeting. Additionally, it was suggested that a thank you be sent to all who participated in the survey.

4. Outreach plans: next steps are to collect names and throw out ideas of what we will start with and when. Want them to know we haven't forgotten them (whether paritionsiers, past parishioners or family members). Reviewed the new goal that was discussed at the June meeting. Also discussed some of the things that are done already such as illness/bereavement cards. Initial brainstormed list includes: Rita Smith, Elaine Barnwell, Emma, Ellen McClaughlin (contact Jerriane), Sally Kresse (her mom?), Kory Conwell, Ole Mottland

5. Susan Genalo, retiring from Stewardship. Susan announced that she will be moving on from Stewardship but graciously offered to continue working with the quarterly newsletter. Many thanks and appreciation from stewardship members for all of Susan's leadership and dedication!

ACTION ITEMS

- All remember to continue to help with photos <https://goo.gl/photos/VOs4nuQW3W1ucKzv8>
- Arlene to send a link to the blog and look into the price of the Stewardship book.
- Arlene finalize follow up and thank you to participants of Time and Talent

NEXT MEETING AGENDA - 8/8/2017

6. Action item follow up
7. Outreach plans - next steps
8. Stewardship Book - Chapter 1 review and actions