

Stewardship Commission Minutes
September 9, 2019

Opening Stewardship Prayer

Spotlight Ministry Planning

September – Communion Ministers and Servers
October – Social Action
November – Women’s CRHP

New Parishioner Outreach

Registration sheets from June/July were passed out for calling. Jay reported that Stephen Ministry was pleased with April’s Spotlight; they received 4 new members and had good exposure. The church with which they partner has 6 new members, so combined they have a full class for training. Cathy reported that both Festival and VBS also appreciated the exposure from June’s Spotlight and received some new volunteers and/or enrollees. Cathy and Teresa both reported positive feedback from August’s Spotlight of College Campus Ministry connections. They had 15 people (college students or their parents) sign up at the tables after Mass.

Stewardship Corner: upcoming assignments:

September – Jay
October – Tom
November – Bill
Reflections for 4th quarter from the St. Louis Archdiocese were passed out.

Vision Team/Rebuilt Update – Cathy reported that the leadership team and representatives from each of the 3 groups met at the end of August. It was a very good meeting. Various challenge points and struggles came up from each team, and they worked to help each other. It is hoped that rough goals for each group will be set by the end of November, at which time all teams will be brought together with Sister Ellen, with hopefully definitive goals set by January.

Parish Council Update – Terry relayed that the projects to address the school administration wing’s safety issues have all been completed. There was water at the base of the school elevator which was easily found and fixed. Another problem with water coming up through the gym floor is still being investigated. It was celebrated that the parish is currently debt free!

Stewardship Workshop on Aug. 20th – Cathy, Bill, Terry and Bonnie all attended, as well as Terri Kerley from the parish office. It was a well-organized and well-attended meeting; over 80 participants were there, representing 33 diocesan parishes. Several materials received from the workshop were passed out, including [Grateful Disciples: Your Parish Stewardship Guide](#). It was decided that our team will read one chapter a month and discuss it at our meetings. Information was also passed out about a second, similar meeting on Sept. 21st for anyone who was not able to attend the one in August. This will be followed up by 5 monthly webinars, with

different focus sessions. These webinars will be recorded and available for online viewing anytime. Cathy had also suggested to the diocesan leaders that a sharing blog of best Stewardship practices be set up, and that idea was well-received.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Oct. 20 - In our attempt to get the Stewardship word and message out to the parish frequently, we have decided to call our annual breakfast “Servatii’s, Starbucks and Stewardship.” Bonnie reported that Servatii’s is going to give us additional discounts and two free trays of pastries for our breakfast this year. It was also noticed that Cathy worked the Stewardship theme into the Lector’s message before Sunday’s Masses as they spoke about the Communion Ministers and Servers – well done!

Ministry Fair - tabled until Vision Team process is completed

Open Floor – It had been suggested in the spring that we try to have some kind of gift for the New Parishioners who show up for our New Parishioner Breakfast, which is held at Coffee and Donuts in the spring and the fall. Cathy had heard of another parish that had special coffee cups that were given to each new adult, which made a nice gift as well as identified them as new parishioners. Cathy is going to look into pricing for those as well as new magnets to pass out.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: October 14

Mark calendars: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on October 20th;
New Parishioner Welcome on November 3rd.