

Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes for 2/16/2015

In attendance: Tom, Doug, Michael, Becky,

Meeting opened with prayer led by Doug.

- Minutes of December 16 meeting. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved. Tom will talk to Lorie about posting these minutes on the church's website.
- 2015 Stewardship Plan: Becky led the discussion of the 2015 Stewardship Plan.
 - Consensus was to delete the "Prayer Education" action step due to lack of resources necessary to complete this task.
 - The Committee decided to revise the service celebration action step to better coincide with the contents (i.e. including a talent request) in the pledge mailing and to include a follow up effort for the talent request.
 - The Committee decided to hold off on distribution of the Stewardship Personal Journey Assessment tool until we tailor it to fit our parish community and it has been reviewed by the parish Council.
 - The Committee reviewed the Special Projects Task List which identifies several "once and done" help needed projects the committee is working on. This task list will continue to be attached to the Stewardship Plan.
 - The Committee's consensus was that the plan is very well aligned with the newly revised vision statement of Stella Maris.
 - Becky will edit the Stewardship Plan, then Tom will present it to the Parish Council in March. After the Parish Council meeting it will be posted on the church's website.
- Stewardship Appreciation Event: Discussion centered on whether and how the Stewardship Committee should be a part of the annual parish stewardship (volunteer) appreciation event that is usually held in June and hosted by the parish staff. This event has taken place for a number of years and usually about 50 to 60 parishioners attend. In light of the planned change to the timing of our pledge drive it makes sense to move the appreciation event later in the year (possibly September). Tom suggested that we consider revising the event from a meal format to a social format to encourage more attendance and to accommodate more interaction among the celebrants. The Committee will need to recruit a volunteer to oversee this event going forward.
- Fiscal Year 2016 Budget: Tom presented a draft of the Stewardship Committee's fiscal year 2016 budget. The budget request of \$2450 supports three items including: (1) a visitor brochure, (2) the annual pledge mailing and (3) updating our celebration posters. Tom will put together a cost estimate for the appreciation event and update the budget accordingly and send it on to the Finance Council.
- Next meeting is set for Sister Bay on April 13 at 4 PM. Future meetings will be 6/8, 8/10, 10/12, 12/14.

Closing prayer lead by Becky.