

## Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes for 10/12/2015

In attendance: Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Tom Polacek, Jim Stollenwerk

Meeting opened with prayer led by Becky.

- Results from Stewardship drive were discussed. 260 forms out of 690 or 37.7% of the finance and/or service commitment forms have been returned. This is an improvement over last year's return before call follow-up of approximately 21% and 32.7% after follow-up. 164 service commitment returns have generated about 40 people agreeing to participate in 63 activities to date (e.g. liturgical ministry, prayer shawl, funeral lunches, KC's, etc.)
- Follow-up call statistics were shared. Approximately 85 index cards have yet to be returned. Approximately 30% of the call-outs received no answer or a message was left on a machine. Committee discussed the responses from seasonals who may belong to another (or multiple) parishes. Perhaps a different kick-off letter would be crafted for seasonals. Also, the idea of following up on pledges and timing was discussed. This would have to be planned for in the next stewardship year. This may be discussed at our December de-brief/planning meeting.
- Discussed results and feedback from 2015 Stewardship Open House on September 24 in Sister Bay. All agreed it was well done, relaxed and positive. Approximately 50 people attended which was less than expected. The committee discussed how we might reach more people such as sending e-mails to all ministerial volunteers and changing location perhaps to Fish Creek next year. Becky will ask Lorie to approximate number of volunteers.
- Stewardship Weekend in the diocese is November 14/15 this year. We expect to create a milestone update to be announced at each of the Masses that weekend. This document may contain our mission, a thank you, improvements we hope to make in our counting of volunteers, and any accomplishments. Becky will ensure that Kathy approves of the announcement plans.
- The group decided to defer the stewardship assessment tool review until next year. It perhaps would be a good tool to hand out to parishioners at next year's stewardship weekend in November after the committee refines it and aligns it to the Stella Maris mission and vision of discipleship.
- Tom will let Jim Slomski know that he will not participate in this year's annual report given the short timeframe to complete. Tom will review the draft of the stewardship committee write-up and send a completed report to Jim.

Closing prayer led by Tom.

Minutes prepared by Becky.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15, 2015 in Sister Bay at 6:00 p.m.** This will be a de-brief of the year and preliminary planning for 2016.