

Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes for 06/06/2016

In attendance: Bernie Freeman, Jan Liss, Becky Nash, Tom Polacek, Richard Shandor,
Doug Van Vorous

Meeting opened with prayer led by Becky.

Tom opened the meeting asking for updates on stewardship drive preparations. The following drive items were discussed or decided:

- It was decided to leave the Welcome Seasonal flyer in the churches, but not draw attention to them during the drive. They will be removed sometime in the next month.
- Bernie reviewed the call-out script and reiterated that only one message needs to be left. She will add an instruction of what to do when there is no answering machine. The person should try to call again two more times at different times of the day.
- Jan verified that she is monitoring the Visitor Brochures to ensure they are stocked in the churches for the drive.
- Tom, Jan, and Jim will be the witness speakers (5-8 minutes) at the Masses on June 18/19 weekend after the Creed. Jim at FC 4:00 and 9:00; Jan at SB 5:00, EH 7:00 AM and BH, 8:00 AM; Tom at EH 6:00, SB 10:00, then Wash Is. 1:00. Becky will remind the priests that there will be witness speakers after the creed that weekend and to adjust homily time if needed.
- Father will give a stewardship homily the following weekend, June 25/26 at all the Masses to reinforce pledge commitment and return.
- Tom discussed his recruiting efforts to get 20 people willing to do call-outs to parishioners from July 11 – 22. He asked at the May 19 Men's Day of Reflection and will ask for callers at upcoming council and leadership meetings. Doug and Jan will ask a couple members from the Baileys Harbor area.

Tom briefly discussed the September 22 Volunteer Appreciation event (possible new name). It was recommended that "save-the-date" bulletin blurbs be published at least once per month. Tom will talk to Lorie about this. Also, a poster bulletin insert should be created and placed in the bulletin at least a month ahead of the event (August) with announcements leading up to the event. Tom will send a note to all committee chairs asking again for their help in planning the evening.

Becky did a first count of households who have someone volunteering in some way which she will verify with Lorie in the office. Currently the count is at 262 of 682 or 38.4% of households. The goal would be to increase this percentage through the stewardship drive.

Tom led a discussion on how stewardship committee goals fit into the overall discipleship goals of the parish. He reiterated the committee goals that he submitted to leadership last year:

Goals of Stewardship committee:

- Improve service/sharing drive

- Recruit additional members to this committee with Jacksonport and Wash Is. represented.
- Make sure what we are doing is aligned with priorities and mission of parish.

Ideas discussed:

- Follow up on new members of the parish about a month after they registered to see if they have questions and welcome them again. Jan said she would be willing to help with this.
- If ushers/greeters could see new parishioners on the website picture gallery and especially recognize them as they come into the church at Mass, this would be very welcoming.
- A Discipleship Self-Assess tool developed by the diocesan stewardship department could be used or some version of it at the volunteer appreciation or stewardship weekend this Fall.

Closing prayer led by Doug.

Minutes prepared by Becky.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 15, 2016 in Sister Bay at 6:00 p.m.** The group normally meets bi-monthly on the 3rd Mondays in SB at 6:00 p.m. Meeting dates for 2016: 2/15, 4/18, 6/06, 8/15, 10/17, 12/19.