

## Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes for 04/17/2017

In attendance: Becky Nash, Tom Polacek, Bernie Freeman, Jan Liss, Doug VanVorous.

- Meeting opened with prayer led by Bernie.
- The committee discussed the details of the 2017 Service and Sharing Campaign (SSC) and agreed on the following items:
  1. The SSC kick-off will be the weekend of June 24-25
  2. Becky will create an outline and try to recruit individuals to present their stories. Stewardship Committee members will serve as back-up if Becky is unable to fill all the openings. Ideally, we would like witnesses to speak at the church they usually attend.
  3. The SSC mailing will again be first class with return envelopes. The mailing will go out on June 23 and is due back by July 7.
  4. Fr Dave plans to speak about Stewardship the week following the mailing (July 2-3).
  5. Tom will assemble the financial information for the mailing...this is due to the office on June 6.
  6. Becky will assemble the other material including Fr Dave's transmittal message.
- Service and Sharing Campaign follow-up. Tom is the point person on this project.
  1. Ideally, we need to recruit 20 callers.
  2. No change to the call script is needed since it was rewritten in 2016.
  3. Tom will begin recruiting this year's caller by preparing a letter thanking the callers for the help last year and asking if they will again take part.
  4. We will improve the call card distribution process by forwarding the cards to various churches in order to eliminate the need for our callers to make a trip to the parish office.
  5. A last call announcement will be made the weekend of July 8-9 and then the call card list will be compiled later the following week.
  6. Follow up calls to be made beginning July 14 and finished by July 28.
- The group briefly looked at our annual plan to identify any items that need attention at this time. Two items were identified including:
  1. Measures of success for stewardship, currently we are counting the number of households that have at least one member participating. An increase in financial support is another measure and a third would be if we see that our committees are being successful...however, we recognize that leadership also has a lot to do with the progress our committee's make.
  2. The annual report "request for information" from our Committees and Councils should go out in June so the leaders can return it right after the fiscal year ends.

- Bernie gave an update on the progress being made with the parish endowment project including:
  1. The Endowment Planning Team (EPT) meeting with Jim Frings on March 5 where discussion centered on how to create a campaign management team, staff support, taking advantage of resource materials which we should be able to obtain from other churches.
  2. Mark had had a discussion with Cindi Brawner about our project, the EPT will meet with Mark to discuss what he learned.
  3. Jim Frings is anxious to get back on this project.
  4. Tom and Bernie will collaborate and update the Finance Council at their 4/21 meeting.

Next Meeting is scheduled for: **Monday May 15, 2017 in Sister Bay at 3:00 p.m**

Closing prayers led by Doug.

Minutes prepared by Tom.

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