

Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/18/2017

In attendance: Mark Kuntsman, Bernie Freeman, Becky Nash, Tom Polacek, Jim Stollenwerk, Doug VanVorous

- Meeting opened with check-in and then prayer led by Becky.
- The committee talked about a stewardship approach based on needs versus giving from a grateful heart.
- A review of the proposed 2018 Stewardship Plan ensued. The group was asked for feedback or comments on 2017 outcomes through this discussion. Tasks were assigned owners for 2018.
- For the endowment initiative, the group discussed the need to manage the message to parishioners so they clearly understand the purpose of the endowment. A position statement may need to be created to answer questions regarding the amount of real estate Stella Maris is supporting versus the endowment's purpose to have a Catholic presence (non-real estate). The group discussed having a note or incorporating something with the annual letter about the endowment.
- For the annual report next year, a narrative budget will be provided. Discussed whether all parishioners should be mailed the annual report as in the past. Will consider again next year. The report was e-mailed to committee chairs this year from Father Dave. Tom will make sure it is available on the website.
- Next November to coincide with the diocesan stewardship weekend, we will have an insert in the bulletin and announcements that inform parishioners about the results of the stewardship drive.
- Tom asked committee members to submit names to him of people he can contact to invite them to join the committee.
- Meeting closed with prayer led by Doug.

Meetings scheduled for 2018 are bi-monthly usually around the 3rd Monday at 3:00 PM in Sister Bay: Feb. 19, Apr. 30, June 4, Aug. 20, Oct. 15, Dec. 17.