

Stewardship Comm. Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010
7:00 PM – School Conference Room

Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee members present included: Deacon Joe Coll, Al and Lorraine Hencheck, Fr. Larry, Peggy French, Ann Millacci, Mike Brock, Joe Stiles, Bill Schwanekamp

Non-committee members present included: Lisa Hilliker (PPC liaison), Ruthy Trusler (parish communications coordinator) and CherylAnn Skolnicki (Strength Finders program director)

Opening Prayer

Al Hencheck led members in the Stewardship prayer.

Old Business review /update

Michael provided summary of past Stewardship communication efforts, including: Stewardship section on parish website, Stewardship highlights in recent St. Columban newsletter, the Stewardship Corner in the parish bulletin, and the Stewardship message on the parish electric message board over Easter.

New Business

Ruthy Trusler presented overview of parish website and Stewardship section, in particular. Also presented were possible methods for expanding usage of web for enhancing communication efforts of parish. Ruthy will be available to Stewardship Comm. for web/editing/research roles that enhance communication efforts.

Bill will coordinate with Patrick Leshner the stewardship messages available for electric message board; Ruthy to coordinate stewardship articles for web publishing.

It was suggested that we develop a Stewardship prayer card for distribution to parishioners.

Deacon Joe offered “A Faith Journey” as a resource for providing guidelines to assist Stewardship Comm.’s efforts.

Peggy shared parish stewardship prayer/intercession guidelines she researched. Michael will introduce stewardship theme intercessions to Scott Mussari.

As another method for extending our parish’s awareness of stewardship, Fr. Larry suggested sending personalized thank you notes to individuals identified as good stewards for their work in parish ministries.

CherylAnn presented an overview of the Strength Finders program at St. Columban. To date over 125 parishioners have completed the program. They have not yet connected those who have completed training with parish ministries. Her focus and interest in working with Stewardship Comm. is to integrate candidates for specific ministries aligned with their strengths. Stewardship Comm. is to take a leading role in coordinating parishioners with parish ministries. Additional development is necessary to further coordinate methods/processes for integrating links between Strength Finders/Stewardship/Parish ministries.

Strength Finders program to be presented to parish ministries as a follow-up response from Stewardship Comm. survey participation.

Deacon Joe suggested looking into Strength Finder type resources that would be available to teach our children.

Mike suggested integrating Strength Finders with Stewardship database.

Stewardship Comm. to meet in late July/early August 2010 and take Strength Finders assessment.

Fr. Larry and Bill presented updated parish ministry directory that will be included with parish photo directory. On last page of directory is a form for parishioner to complete as means for getting involved. It was suggested that there still needed to be another vehicle developed to effectively convey ministry opportunities to parishioners with a form for responding and most importantly a timely follow up mechanism by ministry volunteers and staff.

Meeting Schedule: Our next Stewardship Comm. meeting is scheduled for May 10 @ 7:00 PM

Please note: Agenda items are due 2 weeks before the next meeting

Adjournment

Closing Prayer: Fr. Larry

Respectfully submitted by Joe Stiles