

St. Ann’s Stewardship Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: Feb. 19, 2007

Attendees: Bill Briggs, Julie Briggs, Ken Kashmarek, Glenn Leach, Kurt Miller, & Joanne Hermiston

Agenda:

| Item # | Agenda Topic & Discussion | Decisions/Actions |
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| 1) | Opening Prayer: Isaiah 58: 1-9. | |
| 2) | Review of Jan. 18, 2007 minutes. | Approved. |
| 3) | Hearts to Harvest Banquet: - Reviewed pictures and discussed comments from the banquet. Several individuals have commented on how much enjoyed the celebration. | |
| 4) | Stewardship 2007: - Reviewed our mission & vision statements and functions to consider if any changes were needed. Discussed if any commission changes would impact the vision & mission. Consensus was the statements are still in line with our thoughts and the work to be done. - Discussed the concept of “Environmental Stewardship”. Considered in the Bible that steward is referred to as taking care of the master’s estate or tending the fields. Further reviewed various concepts: Creation, Body, and Home that we could center stewardship around in addition to Environmental. Glenn also introduced the committee to the Iowa Interfaith Power & Light project that includes an energy audit and other ideas for environmental stewardship. There was some concern if this would be a difficult area to communicate and how it fit into the overall education of stewardship. - Ideas discussed related to developing a Quarterly theme for Stewardship to educate the parish. The education could include information in the bulletin, witness talks. The theme could be aligned with another event or special time, for example: “Stewards of the Environment” could be connected with Earth Day. Using the Rice Bowl could also be another area to focus a theme. - Considered ways to “count” involvement of parish members in activities that are “stewardship”. Determined we would like to collect the data and provide the information back to the parish to use as part of educating them on stewardship. Suggested that | 1) No changes required to the Mission, vision or stewardship function statements. 2) At Feb 27 th Commissions Meeting, ask for report on Ministry Fair volunteer names. (Bill, Ken, Glenn) 3) Take a summary of volunteers to the Commissions meeting. (Bill) 4) Check with Erika to see who is currently accessing the database information through her. (Bill) 5) Consider ideas for quarterly theme and kiosk display. (All) |

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| | <p>could gather information from Maggie and Ann, as well as other commissions and staff of involvement. This would give recognition, tell them they are doing a good job of stewardship, as well as encourage more actions. Determined we need to get all the commissions involved to understand what outcome from the Stewardship of Skills forms – did they reach all volunteers? We will ask for a report back from the committees. Further discussion related to the database and retrieval of the volunteer names. Erika can access the information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed having the bulletin messages connect scripture with actions. Locate the scripture close to stewardship opportunities or in the same section. - Idea suggested using a section of the kiosk to display our quarterly stewardship theme information. Need to consider what we might include on the display. <p>Recalled that we for parish awareness we have the Prayer, and we facilitated one Witness Talk in conjunction with the Ministry Fair. Now a kiosk or easel displaying information on a regular basis would strengthen the stewardship message.</p> | |
| 5) | <p>Other Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday Feb 24th a discussion regarding the film “An Inconvenient Truth” will be held in Davenport. Details were provided by Glenn. - Diocesan Stewardship Day was mentioned, the date was not known. It may be in conjunction with the Stewardship Institute May 1st. | Bill will find out the date for the Diocesan Stewardship Day. |
| 5) | Closing prayer | |
| 6) | Next Meeting | Monday Mar 21st, 2007 7:00 pm |