

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 30, 2006

(7:00PM to 8:30PM)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Agenda Items:

- Minutes from 20 Sept. meeting – review – make additions and corrections.
- Ministry Fair follow-up
 - Do we have people identified for all of the categories on the SOS form? - All
 - Has the SOS data been loaded into the parish computer? -Glenn
 - Catholic Messenger winners update – Ken
 - Stewardship volunteer sign-up update – Ken
 - Did we contact the Booths with their own sign-up list to ask them to give a copy of their list to the parish office? - All
 - Do we have dates for the congratulations dinner from H to H group ? – Glenn
 - Parish will cover the cost of this dinner – per Father Ebel.
 - Other things that need closure?
- Diocesan Stewardship Day - Thurs., 16 Nov. -Sacred Heart Parish Ctr. - Newton, Ia. (Sign-Up sheets available)
 - Any interest?
 - Carpooling?
- Discussion on Commission changes announced at the last Commissions meetings - 10 Oct. - All
 - Do they affect the Stewardship Committee? How?
- Ann Mohr is working with Augustana College to update and upgrade our parish website.
 - What do we want to contribute to the website?
 - How often will we update our information?
 - Who will coordinate this effort for our committee?
- Stewardship message to the parish
 - Bulletin inserts?
 - Stewardship corner with reflection on scripture or current events that give visibility to the Stewardship message?
- Mission Trip to New Orleans (19th to 24th of October)
 - Sharing the experience – Glenn, Joanne, Julie, Bill
- Social Events for the Stewardship Committee
 - Snacks & beverage at one of our meetings
 - Invite other groups to join us to learn from each other and share ideas.
 - Invite other stewardship teams to discuss their program and share ideas.
- Wrap-up and establish next meeting time.

Closing Prayer !

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○ How do we continue to share the message of Stewardship?

- **Communications**
 - Bulletin - Stewardship reflection and/or inserts?
 - A Stewardship newsletter on activities in the parish, diocese, community and the world?
 - Continue to research and share how other parishes convey the message of Stewardship.
 - Others?
- **Prayer**
 - Add stewardship focused petitions for weekend masses.
 - To share our gratitude for the gifts that God has given us.
 - To help Father construct a homily on our Stewardship prayer?
- **Service**
 - To be involved in service activities in our church and community.
 - To ask others to participate in service to share God's gift.
 - To give back to God through service to the poor and needy.
- **Hospitality**
 - Greet others with a smile and a pleasantness that tells them that God loves them and we are there brother or sister in Christ.
 - Be willing to talk to the stranger and share our gifts joyfully.
 - Welcome everyone and let their burdens be carried by the community. (1 Corinthians 12:22-24) Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with great honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this.
- **Formation**
 - Support the Households of Faith program and work with others to share our appreciation of what this program has to offer as part of our faith journey with our families and each other.

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- Continue to educate the parish to the Stewardship way of life.

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