

## STEWARDSHIP CORE TEAM

### APRIL 17, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Ralph Deppisch, Marge Shillington, Mary Lou Lester, Steve Kann, Joe Silviso, and Jennifer Clark.

New Members in Attendance: Jeanette Tartaglini, Carol Trentacost, and Nick Trentacost.

Members Absent: Doris Cortes and Dan Bohmfalk. Father Kerry was attending his nephew's confirmation.

9:15 am The meeting was **called to order** by Ralph with the reading of Sunday's Gospel by Jennifer.

9:25 am **Parishioner Appreciation Weekend** is scheduled for June 6 and 7.

1. The handing out of prayer cards at each Mass last year was so well received it was decided to do something similar this year. Jennifer suggested that instead of cards we hand out bookmarks this year with a thank you on one side and a prayer on the other. Everyone agreed that this was a wonderful idea. Jennifer and Father Kerry will decide on the prayer and thank you wording. We suggested that the Stewardship Prayer not be used this year for the bookmark; stress participation more than "stewardship" on Parishioner Thank You weekend.
2. Each member of the committee committed to being responsible for seeing that the bookmarks are distributed at the Mass they regularly attend.
  - a. Committee members committed to covering the following: 5:00 pm Saturday Joe, 7:00 am Sunday Steve (and Ralph?), 8:30 am Sunday Mary Lou 10:00 am Sunday Marge, 11:30 am Sunday Jeanette, and 5:00 pm Sunday Ralph and Trentacosts. Members absent from today's meeting can advise us at next month's meeting which Mass they can help cover.
  - b. Each committee member needs to recruit sufficient parishioners to cover each exit of the church for the Mass they are responsible; as there are 6 doors they will need to recruit at least 5 parishioners.
  - c. A bookmark should be handed to each man, woman, and child exiting the church after Mass with a personal thank you.
3. Need to confirm that this meets with Father Kerry's approval as well as the suggestion that the priests express their thank you on behalf of OLQA, explain Parishioner Appreciation Weekend, and tell the parishioners they will receive a

token of OLQA's thank you as they leave Mass. Also, what worked well last year was that the priests also asked the parishioners to thank those around them.

9:40 am **The Ministry Leaders Thank You Dinner** is scheduled for Monday June 21.

1. The dinner will be held at the Rectory; with normally 30-40 in attendance.
2. Committee members are encouraged to attend.
3. Once Jennifer has drafted the invitation Ralph, Marge, and Mary Lou volunteered to help Jennifer address the invitations by hand to make them more personable.
4. We also need volunteers for follow up phone calls after the invitations are sent out. The same four volunteered for the phone calls.

10:00 am **The New Parishioners' Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday June 13.

1. It will be held in the Parish Hall following 5:00 pm Mass.
2. Committee members are encouraged to attend.
3. Once again Jennifer will draft the invitation and Ralph, Marge, and Mary Lou volunteered to help address the invitations.
4. We also need volunteers for follow up phone calls after the invitations are sent out. The same four volunteered again for the phone calls.
5. As a side note, we discussed the welcome process of the new members: how the Welcoming Committee is informed of new members, what's in the welcome basket, and what is the process of follow up to ensure everyone receives the basket and a personal welcome.

10:15 am A brief discussion was held regarding OLQA volunteer ministries' accomplishments and performance as well as short comings. We are well aware of the important roles our ministries perform in contributing to a healthy, vibrant and spiritual parish; and the hard work done by the members of our various ministries. But how does the Parish know that its ministries are fulfilling their roles efficiently and cost effectively? **The idea of an "audit" of the ministries** was floated and discussed with no resolution because of the very delicate nature of such a review of volunteer groups.

10:20 am **Fall Stewardship Renewal**

1. We want to commence in May and June for the Stewardship Renewal.
2. Copies of the 2009-10 Children's and Adult's Stewardship Renewal pamphlets, and 2009-10 Stewardship Renewal Commitment Cards were distributed. We are to review all three and be prepared to share our comments for their improvement before we take our August "vacation."

3. Some initial thoughts: list the parish ministries on the back of the "Commitment Card," there be no date on the cards or pamphlets so if not used they can be used next year (reduces waste), the parish ministries are visited to discuss the commitment cards, organize follow up to commitment card submittals. Again, participation v. stewardship was discussed.

10:40 am **Living Your Strengths**

1. The reports of the strengths of the members present who had completed the "strengthsfinder" assessment were reviewed. Our purpose was twofold: one, to see how together we can more effectively "execute," "influence," "build relationships," and "strategically plan;" and two, recruit new core team members.
2. The "Living your Strengths" book and workshop were discussed as forming our key strategic plan for implementation over the next two years. Because of the cost of the book and program we need more discussion especially with Father Kerry.
  - a. Some initial thoughts were to kick it off with the ground breaking of the new church.
  - b. The theme for the Parish rollout would be "We are the Church as We Build the Church." Let us all "breakground" on ourselves as we break ground on the church by taking our own personal inventory.
  - c. Ralph has sent a letter to the Parish Council about taking their "Inventory" in May and June 2010, followed by parish leaders, staff, and school leaders, then followed by SFG. The rollout to the Parish would be in the first quarter of 2011.
  - d. Just some initial thoughts with much more thoughts to follow.

11:00 am **Meeting adjourned** with Stewardship Prayer