

MINUTES SUMMARY

STEWARDSHIP CORE TEAM MEETING

Saturday, September 20, 2008

PRESENT: Gina Adams, Fr. Kerry Beaulieu, Fr. Joseph, Dan Brown, Jennifer Clark, Gregory DiRocco, Dennis McGovern, Hannah Meany, Jennifer Norminton, Theresa Sniadowski. Recording Secretary, Carol Fallon.

ABSENT: Steve Kann, Harry Siemonsma and Laura Tangredi.

GUESTS: Amber Nickerson, Maryam Shokrai, Bill Freitag

AGENDA:

Meeting Called to Order: On Saturday, September 20, 2008, at or about 9:05 a.m., the regular meeting of the Stewardship Core Team Committee, was held at OLQA's Parish Center, in the Parish Hall, and was called to order by Chairman Gina Adams.

Opening Prayer: The Gospel was read by Father Kerry and a discussion followed relative to its interpretation.

Review of Last Meeting's Minutes: The Minutes of the August 16, 2008 meeting were briefly discussed. Finding two corrections, the Stewardship Core Team accepted the Minutes as read and corrected.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Following a brief summary by Gina Adams on what stewardship is all about, three new and potential Stewardship Core Team members were welcomed and introduced. They are: Amber Nickerson, Maryam Shokrai and Bill Freitag.

Father Kerry's comment on stewardship was that "Stewardship evolves out of gratitude." How do we then express that gratitude? By discovering our gifts, and then expressing how to use them. A good reference for use in determining our gifts is Cardinal Mahoney's 3-page letter on Stewardship.

Father Joseph arrived at the meeting and was introduced to the members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Stewardship Background: An introduction by each Core Team Committee member commenced which included a brief background of his or her stewardship experience.

Review Draft Goals Provided by Harry: No presentation due to Harry's absence.

Called and Gifted Workshop: The workshop will be presented on October 25, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at OLQA. A fee of \$20 will be required and

lunch and refreshments will be included in the fee as well. Jennifer Clark, who is facilitating and organizing this workshop, will also be the instructor.

Parish Fall Mailing: The Fall Stewardship Mailing will support the Called and Gifted theme. It was decided that the mailing would take the form of a postcard. Suggestion was to keep it simple.

Ministry Sunday: The Ministry Sunday, held on September 7th, was very successful. Members of the Stewardship Core Team and other volunteers showed up early to help with the set-up, and then after each Mass, assist and inform parishioners of stewardship opportunities.

Jennifer gave a quick presentation of the Stewardship Kiosk which was built, from scratch, by Jeff Wherry. It's a beautiful cart, with slots for various flyers, a fold-out table to sign-up for events or fill out Stewardship Cards, and a storage area for other miscellaneous stewardship and ministry materials. It has wheels which make it easy to maneuver. For future Sundays, it will be in the gathering area, supplied with various stewardship and Parish event materials. A million thanks to Jeff for offering to build this beautiful and functional kiosk, and to Jennifer for her efforts in coordinating the project. This project was truly "stewardship in action."

Congratulations were also offered to Jennifer for completion of the Ministry Booklet. A tremendous amount of work went into the planning, developing and creation of the booklet. It will be a great resource for all parishioners to use.

Outreach Sunday: After a brief discussion regarding changing Outreach Sunday to Stewardship Sunday, it was decided to leave it as Outreach Sunday, since its identity as such has already been established. The Team may still pursue the idea of having an Outreach Sunday speaker at the masses. Father Kerry brought up the fact that OLQA has already had three such speakers which spoke on Faith Sharing Groups, Casa Theresa, and the Foster Children Program.

Rather than having speakers at mass (or maybe in addition to), it may become a goal of the Core Team to have an annual "renewal of Stewardship" event associated with a Parish Renewal event.

The Parish Council's goals are mailed out to parishioners. One of their goals is to support the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee should meet with ministry leaders to discuss the Stewardship concept, and ways to incorporate that into the life of each ministry. Another idea was to engage the help of the Parish library staff to establish a stewardship library or section of the library, which would include stewardship books, materials, articles, Papal letters, etc.

Parish Coordinator Update: Most information already covered above.

ADJOURNMENT:

The closing prayer was said by Fr. Kerry. The Stewardship Core Team Committee meeting was adjourned at or about 11:05 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Stewardship Core Team Committee will be held on October 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.