

ST. GABRIEL PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Minutes – October 15, 2019

Submitted by Cathy Rusk, Chair

In attendance: Cathy Rusk, Karl Glunz, Carolyn Weyer (liason), Mary Frank

Excused: Jodi Consiglio

Opened with prayer

1. Ministry Guide – Cathy will send the updated guide she received from Jodi to Website person to replace old 2016 version and also ask that it be put on front page. Discussed whether a new update this year is needed, will depend on the volume of changes needed. Carolyn will ask Parish Council members to review and provide comments as needed.
2. Time & Talent Survey in 2019 – Discussed options for roll out in early 2020 versus in the near future. Determined to keep the formal plan of Father Tim preaching on the topic of service in conjunction with the readings, potentially on February 5th, with an invitation to place completed forms in the offering basket on February 12th. Paper bulletin inserts to be included on Feb 12th as well as an email/app/Facebook push of electronic form that following week. Discussed also including the form in the winter mailing of the Messenger. Cathy will follow up with Jill Sheehan to determine timing of Messenger.

In the near term, we will do a soft launch of the survey. Carolyn will approach Father Tim about writing a short blurb in the bulletin to introduce the form which would be included as a paper insert and as a link to the online form. Cathy will touch base with Nikki Packee about creation of the online form.

Carolyn mentioned that council liasons may help make calls if membership of individual Commissions isn't high enough to support the callbacks needed.

Discussion on High School kids who need service hours – how do we get the survey form into their hands? Suggestion to work with Jerry Wolf to generate ideas on this. How can we encourage families to serve together? Perhaps a Family Service Day? Carolyn will follow up with Jerry to see what ideas he may have.

3. New Parishioner Outreach - Discussed how to make new members feel welcome and connected to the parish. Welcome phone calls from members of the Stewardship Commission were agreed on. Cathy to ask Jill Sheehan for a list of new members since January 2019. The suggestion was also made that a business card with the Stewardship members' contact info could be handed to each new member with the welcome packet so they would have a resource to call with any questions. A member of Stewardship would reach out to them with a welcome call as well, so the communication circle would be completed. Will discuss further at future meetings.

Cathy to work with Mike Wolf to ensure updated forms in Welcome Packets

4. New Business - Discussion of making coffee available at Registration Sunday, but it is held the same Sunday as Friendship Sunday so that is a nonstarter. Explored possibility of having coffee available on a designated non-Friendship Sunday for a couple of months to see how popular it is. Perhaps higher quality coffee or flavored creamers? Tabled for now due to low resources on the commission to facilitate it.