

ST. GABRIEL PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Minutes – OCTOBER 16, 2018

Submitted by Cathy Rusk, Secretary

In attendance: Jake Jilling, Jan Jilling, Karl Glunz, Cathy Rusk

Excused: Julie Bucher, Jodi Consiglio

1. Ministry Guide Update – Distribution to Parish

Jodi has put together in the past, and recently updated, the comprehensive ministry guide that has proven to be a wonderful reference tool, especially for new members. It is packed with information. Current distribution methods include giving it to new members, and it is on the website. It's presence on the website increases the importance of keeping it up to date.

Discussion about other ways to increase awareness of the Guide included putting a notice in the bulletin once a month about where to find the Ministry Guide online and note that it can be handed out in paper form upon request. The initial few bulletin notes should define what it is and could include something like "Are you interested in ways you can help your parish?" Jodi C. was suggested as a good point person to formulate and communicate the bulletin notices.

Other distribution options are providing paper copies on Friendship Sunday and asking for a Facebook push of the website link. Perhaps include a Ministry Commitment form in the paper copies.

2. Time & Talent Survey in 2019

The history of what has been done in the past was discussed first. Time and Talent surveys were done in the Spring and Treasure was done in the Fall. The last surveys were done several years ago, prior to the beginning of the Capital Campaign. Jake J. brought the paper survey form that was used in the past and samples from other parishes were also considered.

- Format and Timing - This Commission will focus on the Time and Talent portion of Stewardship, so the Treasure commitment portion on the back of the survey form will be removed. The existing survey document will be updated for any changes in ministry needs and it will include two columns for checkmarks, one for "Already Involved" and another for "Desire to Be Involved". Our goal is to have the document ready for use by the February Friendship Sunday hosted by Stewardship Commission. *Need:* to find an electronic copy of the document if possible to avoid extra rework.
- Distribution and Approval – Several distribution methods were discussed. While the survey could be sent out in the Messenger, this commission feels like the best response would be from those attending Mass. There are a variety of options that would target those attending Mass, and the Survey Coordinator will discuss with Father to determine with him the options that seem most viable. *Need:* a draft of the survey needs to be completed prior to meeting with Father.

Other distribution ideas are to use the energy generated by the new building opening to entice more new volunteers to lend their time and talents. The February Friendship weekend hosted by Stewardship could be "Time and Talent" weekend. Perhaps give the survey forms to the Youth Ministry staff to help get the younger parish members more involved. The Survey form should be available and visible on Friendship Sundays along with the Ministry Guide.

- Commission(s) Tabulate/Communicate Results – the completed Time and Talent Surveys will come back to the Stewardship Committee where the results will be tabulated and communicated out to the respective commissions. Follow up with the interested people will be key as a common complaint has been that a person indicates interest in an area, but then no one follows up with them.

➤ Coordinator Needed

Cathy Rusk volunteered to Coordinate the Time and Talent Survey effort. The rest of the commission in attendance offered their support.

Note: Jake J. also distributed copies of the booklet *Calling Workers into the Vineyard: Reflections and Methods for Fostering Stewardship of Time and Talent* available from the Archdiocese. It looks promising as a valuable tool as we move forward on our journey as a Commission.

3. Friendship Sunday 2019

Stewardship Commission will host the February Friendship Sunday. Human Concerns is scheduled to host in January, but if they do not due to a celebration of the new building opening, we could jointly host the February Sunday if Human Concerns is interested.

If we do combine with Human Concerns we may have enough people to try holding a gathering after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday in addition to Sunday as a test. Snacks suggested include a sausage and cheese platter, crackers, veggies, or popcorn. We can focus more on this as the time draws closer.

We will have the printed Ministry Guide available as well as the Time and Talent Survey. *Need:* an estimate of how many people attend the 4:30 Saturday Mass in winter.

4. Other Business:

No additional business discussed.