

ST. GABRIEL PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Minutes – March 19, 2019

Submitted by Cathy Rusk, Secretary

In attendance: Jake Jilling, Julie Bucher (liaison), Jan Jilling, Cathy Rusk, Jodi Consiglio

Excused: Amy Boehler, Karl Glunz

Human Concerns joined for item 3 below: Karen Berghammer, Linda Mikolainis, Mike Messenbourg

1. Ministry Guide

Cathy to give Jodi the updates from the Time and Talent Survey for the Guide. Julie spoke with Parish Council about adding the liaison title to the parish council members' name in the bulletin and on the website. The suggestion was well received.

2. Time & Talent Survey in 2019

The distribution campaign was discussed. Committee members recommend a staggered approach starting with paper surveys in pews on the weekend Father Tim brings attention to the survey, to be returned in the offering baskets the following week. Paper copies placed in bulletin the week after that, and then after another couple of weeks, an emailed version of the survey that can be completed electronically via the Constant Contact platform already employed by the Parish office. Repeat viewings will give parishioners multiple opportunities to return their forms and hopefully boost the success of the campaign. Adding a copy to the summer edition of the Messenger was discussed, but was tabled until closer to that time.

A spreadsheet to track survey responses is built and includes a section that requires each ministry to reach out to interested persons by a defined date and return the results of the contact to the Stewardship commission. The hope is to increase call back attempts to 100% by the individual ministries so we don't lose interested persons. Stewardship can follow up with interested individuals to ensure that they have been contacted by the appropriate ministry if forms are not returned by the ministries stating the contact has been made.

Stewardship will need an opportunity to announce to the Commissions the start of the Time and Talent campaign and to explain the follow up process and emphasize the importance of following up. Timing of this will depending on when the campaign will begin.

Time and Talent surveys have been added to existing welcome packets. Cathy will contact Mike Wolf regarding same.

3. Friendship Sunday March 2019

Human Concerns, Prayer and Worship and Stewardship hosted Friendship Sunday jointly on Sunday the 17th and those present at this meeting agreed all the many volunteers were needed for the setup and take down of the event which proved more extensive than in the past location. Julie will email Celia some of the suggestions made tonight which included

- Combining Commissions as hosts to increase the number of volunteers per event
- Once final locations for kitchen items are determined, placing labels on the cupboards to aid in set up and take down
- Posted instructions on how to operate equipment like the dishwashing sink
- Clearer indication on which items we can use in the kitchen, such as dishtowels and plastic gloves

Discussed use of trifold boards at Friendship Sunday. Should it be just the commissions that are hosting? Julie will communicate at the next Council meeting the option for the next hosts to add a trifold board highlighting their own Commissions.

It was also recommended that the hosting Commissions mingle and speak to new faces to help them feel welcome.

4. New Parishioner Outreach:

Several options for welcoming new parish families were discussed. A member of Stewardship will call each new family after about a month to ask how things are going, answer any questions, and invite them to any upcoming events. Jake will contact Jill Sheehan prior to each meeting to get the names and phone numbers of new members. If possible, a member of Stewardship will also welcome the parishioner personally at donut Sunday if they attend.

Other ideas included:

- Welcome board for new parish members with their names and pictures if possible
- Matching new families up with an Ambassador or Mentor family
- Give a rose to the new family at Mass so folks will know to welcome them
- Offer free tickets to the auction, or fish fry, or reserved seat to the Christmas Concert etc. to increase awareness of Fellowship events

5. Other Business:

No additional business discussed.

Closed with prayer