

**Stewardship Committee Meeting**  
**April 11, 2023**  
**Egg Harbor Site**

**Our Mission:** *“Stella Maris Catholic Parish prayerfully unites people in the love of Jesus guided by our patron, Mary.”*

**Our Vision:** *We invite all to journey as disciples. By sharing the Gospel, responding to Jesus’ love and the gifts God has given us, we welcome all to grow in faith and in our parish life.*

**Attendees:** Bernie Freeman, Jody Weitman, Michael Smith, Mark Loper, Deacon Tony Abts, Laura Paider, Tom Polacek

**Absent:** Doug Van Vorous

**Call to Order:** Tom opened the meeting at 9:05am

**Opening Prayer:** Jody

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were distributed via email shortly after the April 11 meeting and, receiving no corrections, were approved via email.

**2023 Service and Sharing Drive (SSD)**

The focus of the Stewardship Committee is on promoting the many ministry opportunities available at Stella Maris. The Finance Committee will be focusing on the financial part of Stewardship.

**Brochure Review:** The committee reviewed the proposed *Ministry Opportunities* brochure and noted edits and corrections to be forwarded by Jody to Sharon Anderson. The Parish office will contact parents of the students and the adults in the photos for their permission to print their likeness on the brochure. Once the brochure is finalized and the permissions obtained, Bernie will send the brochure to the printers. These brochures will be available at each site year round and given to new parishioners as part of the registration process.

**Next Steps:** The descriptions for the ministries will be reviewed and created or modified. These will be posted on the Stella Maris website and will replace the current Ministry Descriptions. Bernie will start the process, seeking input from others as the job progresses.

**Future Discussion Item:** Define the process and identify the people responsible for contacting those interested in a particular ministry.

**Presenters for SSD Kick-Off Weekend:** Stewardship Committee members will present a short talk on this year’s SSD, focusing on the ministry opportunities and the importance of filling out the brochure even if there have been no changes in their status. These presentations will occur on June 17/18.

4:00 pm Fish Creek-Bernie

10:00 am Sister Bay-Tom

6:00 pm Egg Harbor-Tom

10:00 am Jacksonport-Michael

8:00 am Baileys Harbor-Jody

1:00 pm Washington Island-Mark

Bernie volunteered to share her draft script with the speakers.

**Witness Speakers:** A cross-section of our parishioners will be asked to give a witness talk the weekend of June 24/25. Possible speakers were discussed. Deacon Tony will present possible names to the committee once they are determined.

**Service and Sharing Drive Plan:** Jody presented the updated SSD plan for final approval. After some modifications, the plan was approved. Deacon will present it to Father Tom for final approval.

**FAMILY Events:** The Stewardship Committee has been asked to host the first FAMILY event on Sunday, June 18 at Sister Bay. We will promote the ministries as part of our hosting duties.

**Endowment Update:** The Advisory Team will meet to plan its 2023 activities.

**Stewardship Budget:** Tom had submitted a budget to the Finance Council and copied the Stewardship Committee with that copy. He mentioned that it has been approved by Deacon Tony.

#### **Parish Council Update**

**Recruitment:** The Parish Council will be actively recruiting members to join the Parish Council due to some members stepping down and the increase in the number of members serving on the Council.

**AED Training:** A modified version of AED training will be held on April 28 at 4:00 at the Sister Bay site. Ushers have been invited and are encouraged to attend. A second training will be held at a later date.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 am  
Parish Office - Egg Harbor

**Closing Prayer:** Bernie

**Meeting adjourned:** 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Weitman