

Stewardship Committee Meeting-May 13, 2025-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, Mark Loper, Tom Polacek, Larry Leporte, Laura Paider

Absent: Jody Weitman

Call to Order: Bernie opened the meeting at 3:28pm

Opening Prayer: Bernie

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 18, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

Special Item: Welcoming New Parish Members

- Lorie Orthober was invited to attend the meeting to explain how new parishioners are welcomed.
- If a person wants to join the parish, people in the North area are assisted by Dixie Van Vorous, and the south area is taken care of by Jan Liss. Options to join online or in person at the parish office are available.
- New members, at this point, are not given any welcome information. It was suggested that they be given a *Time and Talent* form. Tom is working on updating the list of leadership contacts, which can be distributed to new members in the future. Bernie has updated the Ministry Book, which is another option. In the next fiscal year, a Pictorial Directory will be offered to current and incoming parishioners.
- Jan and Dixie will be contacted to see if they need additional help with onboarding new parishioners.

“Spotlight on Parish Ministries” Bulletin Column

- Bernie has contacted and has received articles from a number of ministry leads. She will continue to contact known heads of ministries and work to find contact information for the ministries whose lead is not known to her.
- Things are going smoothly and the idea has been well received.

Stewardship Plan

- The Stewardship Plan was reviewed and updated.

Time and Talent Forms

- There will be no fillable online form on the website this year. Kevin will be asked to remove last year’s form from the website.
- Forms will only be available at the sites and at the church office. They will not be inserted into the bulletins.

- The goal is to update our records with current addresses and ministries selections. A fresh start, so to speak.
- ALL parishioners will be asked to fill out a form. One person per form.

Ministries Directory

- Discussed current changes made to the directory
- After discussion, it was agreed to remove Cemetery Care from the *Ministries Descriptions* document.

Stewardship Kickoff Weekend (June 14/15)

- Speakers: 4pm Fish Creek, Bernie; 6pm Egg Harbor, Larry; 8am Baileys Harbor, Jody; 10:00am Jacksonport, Bernie; 10:00am Sister Bay, Tom; 1:00pm Washington Island, Mark
- Bernie will share her talk with the committee.
- Commission leaders will be tapped for the following weekend (June 21/22) to be witness speakers.

Leadership Planning Event

- This event is scheduled for May 28.
- Theme for the year: “Bringing People to Christ”
- Commission Leaders will be asked to present on what they are doing to advance the mission of 1 x 1 contact.
- Bernie will attend as the Stewardship Committee leader and Mark will represent the Endowment Committee.

SMP Anniversary Celebration Update

- Tom and Larry updated the committee on the celebration plans.
- The celebration is scheduled for September 28.

Volunteer Appreciation Event Joint Planning Meeting

- Bernie will invite the four Commission leaders to the planning meeting.

Remaining 2025 Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at 3:30pm at the Egg Harbor site, unless otherwise noted.

- August 19 9:00 am Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Joint Planning Meeting
- August 19 10:00 am Regular Meeting
- December 9

Closing Prayer: Bernie

Meeting adjourned: 4:55

Respectfully submitted, Jody Weitman