

Stewardship Committee Meeting
May 23, 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, Mark Loper, Deacon Tony Abts, Laura Paider, Tom Polacek

Absent: Doug Van Vorous, Michael Smith

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

Opening Prayer: Jody

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved by consent.

2023 Service and Sharing Drive (SSD)

Brochure: The brochure has been finalized and printed, and the QR codes leading to the ministries descriptions and online fillable brochure have been tested. Many thanks to Jody and Bernie for their work on the brochure. The brochure will be forwarded to Kevin for posting on the parish website prior to the June 17 Drive kickoff.

Ministries Descriptions: Bernie created and/or edited one-line descriptions for each of the ministries. These were reviewed and tweaked. Once finalized the descriptions will also be forwarded to Kevin for posting on the parish website.

Stewardship Committee Speakers: Speakers for the June 17/18 Masses are asked to share their speeches with each other prior to June 8. Bernie has shared her initial draft as inspiration for the other speakers.

Witness Speakers: Potential witness speakers for the June 24/25 Masses were identified. Deacon Tony, Tom, and Bernie will follow up with potential speakers. Tom will create a template for the witness speakers' presentations. The focus of their talks will be on sharing the story of their faith and tying it into the Service and Sharing Drive. They will be asked to show one of the brochures as part of their presentation.

Follow-up Call Team List: It was decided to not make follow-up calls to those parishioners who do not respond to the initial emails and in-person opportunities to complete a brochure.

Service and Sharing Drive Details: Unresolved items on the Service and Sharing Drive Checklist were discussed. New action included: 1) Brochures will be placed in pews by Ushers. The preference is for the cards to be placed in the collection boxes in the front entrances. Ushers will be asked to separate out the few brochures that get deposited into the collection basket. 2) Tom and Deacon will work on a Stewardship letter for Father Tom. Jody will send a previous year's letter to aid with this. 3) Deacon will input information from the returned brochures into a spreadsheet and sort into ministries. Tom,

Bernie, and Mark offered to capture the ministry volunteers' contact information and send it to the appropriate head of each ministry so that lead may contact the volunteer.

FAMily Events: The Stewardship Committee has been asked to host the first FAMily event on Sunday, June 18 at Sister Bay. Tom will meet with Dixie Van Vorous at the Sister Bay site prior to the event to get information to help things run smoothly. Setup by available members of the Stewardship Committee will occur prior to the 10:00 Mass. Tom offered to do a head count of guests. If circumstances allow, Tom plans to introduce the Stewardship Committee and give a brief description of what we do for the parish.

Endowment Update: The Advisory Team will meet later this summer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8 at 9:30 am
Parish Office - Egg Harbor

Closing Prayer: Tom

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Weitman