

Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2021

In attendance: Bernie Freeman, Becky Nash, Tom Polacek, Ann Rose (via Zoom), Jody Weitman

- Bernie led the opening prayer.
- The group discussed the Stewardship Service and Sharing Drive results. Returns are at 275 out of 581 households or 47.3% which is ahead of last year's 45% end-of-drive result. Early comments are that the drive would not require too many changes next year except that perhaps we will be able to ask people to fill the cards out at Mass. Also, we may consider revisiting stewardship during the year by highlighting parish ministries.
- Tom and Bernie provided an update on Endowment activity. There have been no new donors for a number of months. Tom would like to have a meeting in October with the advisory group to address three items: 1) Update on Parish Mission Plan and the potential to direct funds to Endowment, 2) Refresh the Ask Package, 3) Review the donor name list from the campaign four years ago.
- The Annual Report is in draft form and ownership has been successfully moved to the Parish Council. The annual meeting is expected by September end.
- There was much discussion about the viability of hosting an Appreciation Event on September 30 or postponing it given the recent increase in COVID cases and updated guidelines from the CDC, Door County public health, and the Diocese. It was decided to cancel the event again this year. Instead, we will consider having Stewardship give a 3-5 minute verbal thank you with blessing from Father at the Masses possibly on the September 18/19 weekend. It may also be appropriate to tie it into the diocesan re-engagement weekend of Sept. 25/26. Becky will communicate to staff. Tom will draft the verbal thank you and send to all for review. Tentative Mass speakers: Tom at SB and JP (Becky back-up), Bernie at FC, Jody at BH & EH, and Ann at Wash. Is. We would speak after the homily or at announcement time.
- Becky led closing prayer.

Next Meeting date: **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM in person at Sister Bay or via Zoom.**