SNCP Stewardship Committee Meeting 10/10/22 6:00 p.m. – Minutes as of 10-12

Attendance: Mike Short-SD (Chair), Penny Maletzke-SC (note taker), Pam Duessing-SD, Elisabeth Werner-HN, Fr. Mark

Members absent/excused: Mary Jo Bugembe-HN, Mary Karls-SD, Bob Mair (PC Liaison)-SD

Guests: None.

1. **Opening prayer** - led by Mike Short.

2. **Administrative/Chairperson Comments**

Fr. Mark suggested each ministry provide a brief “Did you know” for the bulletin in order generate more volunteers. Example, “Did you know…. the cemetery grounds crew volunteered ___ hours last year, trimming grass & shrubs, and saved the SNCP lots of money; would you like to join the crew?”

Mike inquired about the USCCB’s laity/volunteer blessing. Fr. Mark will check on a date for this.

Pam questioned whether we should resume “Wishing on a Star” – decision was made to table this until next year, considering that we are asking for donations to the LOA Campaign.

Mike noted that a few St. Clement Hispanic parishioners attending the Fall Festival had asked how they could volunteer. Mike explained that while SD was hosting and benefiting from the proceeds, volunteers from the other parishes should feel welcome to help.

3. **Ongoing Business**

Mike shared a summary of the “Welcoming Weekend”-it was well received at all three parishes.

A very significant number of SD parishioners again did not pick up their Fall Festival raffle tickets. Mike suggested those parishioners generally be evangelized in a special way, rather than simply be asked for money, such as for the LOA campaign. Some are involved/attend Mass, but many not?

“Shoulder Tap” training will hopefully be initiated by Kate, our ECHO intern, early in 2023.

Pam suggested that updates to the Time and Talent booklet (online and print) be done by our Director of Communications, with an email to committee chairpersons asking for updates yearly.

Mike will continue with regular “Stewardship Matters” bulletin articles. Lori Biebel is working on additional “Ministry Spotlight” articles, and “Did You Know” items could also be substituted.

4. **New Business**

Annual Stewardship initiative – We should emphasize that while contributing to the LOA Campaign is important, it is also vitally important to keep up with regular financial giving to our parishes and other area needs. Fr. Mark will also emphasize this in his LOA talks. Proposed date for our Annual Stewardship initiative is November 19/20, with our usual post Communion talks. To facilitate “pledging” for these everyday needs, we will again promote the use of Faith Direct. Additionally, one should prayerfully consider giving of their “first fruits”.

Recruiting of additional Stewardship Committee members is still needed.

Planned Giving and Ways of Fostering Gratitude in our parishes were tabled.

5. **Next meeting** is Monday November 7, 2022. 6:00 p.m.