

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

2September, 2015

Attendance: Laura Corrion, Ken Corrion, Richard Danforth, Carol Gunther

Absent: George and Susie Phillips – Evangelization Commission Guests

- Open discussion of Parish-wide Census: What, Why, How, and When?
 1. What: A Census to update our parish rolls, collect current email and contact info and revise our parish database, and to understand the skills, gifts, and interests of our parishioners.
 2. Why: To better serve our parishioners' needs, and to expand our ministry base by identifying parishioners with specific skills and be able to call on them to help when needed. Also, to collect email and contact info so we can be good stewards and work towards becoming a paperless parish.
 3. How: Multiple steps including a 3X5" card in the pews at Masses to obtain basic contact info along with a SMOTH Website link; Follow-up with a letter asking for same to those who do not attend Mass; Parish-wide Census to be emailed with additional mail outreach to those who do not have email. Compilation of information in a database.
 4. When: 3X5" cards in the pews will be late Fall 2015 during Advent. Cross referencing with existing parish email database and compilation of basic info during winter 2016 along with development of the Census format. Fall 2016 will be the actual Census. Winter 2016 will be dissemination of Census data.
- We discussed:
 - Organized Ministry Fair will not take place this Fall in the gymnasium. Instead, individual Ministries and Commissions are invited to sponsor Coffee and Doughnuts, reach out to parishioners, promote their ministry, and invite them to volunteer. Richard sent email to Parish Council members on 21Aug explaining the change in Stewardship activities and the re-focusing of our efforts on the on-line parish Census.
 - Hosting a Skills Discernment Workshop for a Lenten 2016 activity to help people discern their interests and skills and be willing to share them as good stewards. Worship was contacted.
 - Type of census information we would like to collect and, how to draw participation.
 - Current parish database and success of mass emailing practice for SOS, picnic, ChristLife signups and other parish happenings.
 - Using the census to understand the skills, gifts and interests of parish members *to promote, encourage and pray for the tithing of time, talent and treasure by all parishioners in material and spiritual support of our parish.*
 - Having all ministries and commissions provide a list of desired skill sets so we can better frame the census questions and match volunteers to their needs.
 - Huge parish-wide endeavor that will require additional help beyond this commission to implement but will benefit all.
- Next meeting of Stewardship Commission is tentatively, Sat 17Oct before Parish Council Meeting.