

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (SC) MINUTES – 22April2017

Attendance: Laura Corrion, Jim Armistead, Clem Valot, Carol Gunther, Mark Joyce

SC's Mission: to promote, encourage, and pray for the tithing of time, talent, and treasure by all parishioners in spiritual and material support of our parish.

1. Newcomer Luncheon: Quarterly SMOTH Newcomer Luncheon for newly registered parishioners to be focus of SC during 2017. Today, we examined what worked and what needs to be changed.
 - a.) Future dates: 23July, October, and January2018. Laura to book 23July on SMOTH Calendar. Laura to look at calendar cycles/trends for newcomer registrations to determine need and frequency of this event. 3X/year or quarterly?
 - b.) Expenses totaling \$319.28 to be reduced. Similar menu of croissant sandwiches, potato salad, cut veggies, pickles and dessert cookies from Cookie Ministry will be repeated in July but with less catered food and more kitchen prepared foods.
 - c.) Looking for event chairperson(s) to manage food purchase and prep, and kitchen cleanup. Dishwashing and green initiative (no paper plates) to be implemented with next event.
 - d.) PC will invite speakers for 23July Newcomer Luncheon:
 - a. Individuals who will highlight SMOTH summer events and draw interest for upcoming SAW, parish picnic, and SOS.
 - b. Commission members who will educate and promote good stewardship through their heartfelt testimonials similar to those who spoke at this last event.
 - e.) Agenda changes to include moving facilities tour to the end of the program and starting speakers promptly after lunch is served with a time goal set to 1.5 hours for the event.
 - f.) Include childcare (2 people) after mealtime to allow parents more freedom to enjoy and participate.
 - g.) Welcome bags went over well. Contents will remain the same for July. Carol to manage assembly.
 - h.) Laura to request follow-up phone calls to our newcomers from each of the 4 table hosts
 - i.) More work to be done on content of Newcomer folders.
2. Skills Inventory and Volunteer Database: Still growing. Successfully being used to contact parishioners who have expressed specific skills and interests for short-term or one-time events.
 - SC to solicit success stories and individual testimonials to publish in the bulletin such as Clem Valet's volunteer flower planting experience.
3. Promote on-line giving program:
 - Create 1-page document detailing on-line giving options for promotional use.
 - Tabled promotional efforts until Fall so we can run concurrent with potential Weekly Offertory increase appeal.
4. October 2017 is Ministry Month:
 - Time to promote our ministries and encourage good stewardship practices for our parishioners.
 - Need to flush out plans early in the summer months.

Next SC/PC meeting is Saturday, 20May starting with Chapel Service at 8:00 AM.